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Predator charged in teens' deaths

► Toxicology results indicate two girls died from lethal combination of alcohol, drugs



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A convicted sex offender was formally charged Thursday in connection with two high-profile overdose deaths last year.

Six charges have been laid against Martin Tremblay, 45: Two counts each of criminal negligence causing death, obstructing justice and failing to provide the necessities of life.

The new charges are linked to the overdose deaths of Martha Jackson, 17, and her friend Kayla Lalonde, 16, who died within hours of each other in March 2010.

Jackson was found in Tremblay's home in Richmond, while Lalonde, who had been with Jackson earlier, died in Burnaby.

"These two young girls did not deserve to die," RCMP Sgt. Peter Thiessen said. "They were two young girls just being teenagers. We are alleging that Tremblay played a role in that and we've got the evidence to support the charges."

In September, Tremblay was charged with a number of offences involving sex assaults and giving noxious substances from 2005 to 2007 to four girls aged 14 to 19.

He also pleaded guilty to five counts of sexual assault in 2003.

Jackson's boyfriend Steve Cain, 21, said even though it took a long time, he is pleased to finally see charges laid.



► Kayla Lalonde's great uncle Kelvin Bee, left, and Martha Jackson's boyfriend, Steve Cain, are seen outside Vancouver provincial court Thursday. Convicted sex offender Martin Tremblay, inset, was formally charged in the deaths of Lalonde and Jackson.

"(Our) group of friends were definitely just waiting for some justice to happen to get a little bit of relief," said Cain, who described Jackson as someone who just liked to have fun with her friends and family.

Annabel Webb, of Justice for Girls, said she is relieved that

charges have been laid and hopes the Crown will do everything possible to get an appropriate conviction and sentence.

"The amount of violence that (he) has inflicted upon a community of aboriginal girls brought us all together to continue to push and fight (for him to be) held

accountable and taken off the streets," Webb alleged. "(This) is a victory for all the girls and women who have fought very hard to see him accountable."

Tremblay will remain in custody until his next court appearance on Jan. 23.

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Prince George, Victoria 'dangerous': Study

Prince George and Victoria are the most dangerous cities in the country, a new study by Maclean's says.

The study looked at six indicator crime statistics in each city considered — aggravated assault, robbery, homicide, breaking and entering, auto theft and sexual assault — and compared them to the national average.

Shari Green, the Prince George mayor, was disappointed with the ranking but said the data do not reflect gains made by the

RCMP in 2011.

"It's not the No. 1 we want to be," Green said.

"For the vast majority of people on the right side of the law, this is a wonderful place to live. It's a four-season community, you're 10 minutes from downtown to whatever you want to do," she said.

Prince George RCMP said they are making tangible gains in crime reduction, including the establishment of a combined forces special enforcement unit and a visible downtown

Top 5

Cities with the lowest rate of sexual assault:

1. Caledon, Ont.
2. West Vancouver
3. Vaudreuil-Soulanges region, Que.
4. North Vancouver
5. Richmond, B.C.

policing beat.

"We've targeted gang members and put them in jail. Our crime-reduction team has targeted 15 prolific

offenders of which nine are in custody and six are on conditions," said Const. Craig Douglass, spokesman for the Prince George RCMP.

Solicitor general Shirley Bond said her hometown of Prince George has made many policing improvements and the province has provided more funding to tackle community problems.

"While 2010 was a tough year for my community, I am encouraged that, in fact, the crime rate in

Prince George has declined 18 per cent since 2006," she said.

"This year we provided \$25,000 through civil-forfeiture funding to an organization in Prince George that combats the recruitment of vulnerable adults into gangs. We also provided \$77,000 in funding for youth-gang prevention in the area and (funded) more than \$615,000 a year to programs that assist victims of crime and women and children fleeing violence."

● DANIEL PALMER

Province hails new standards for police

► New rules developed after deaths of Robert Dzeikanski and Ian Bush



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New policing standards across the province will see officers undergo training in crisis intervention and mandatory video surveillance installed in police buildings.

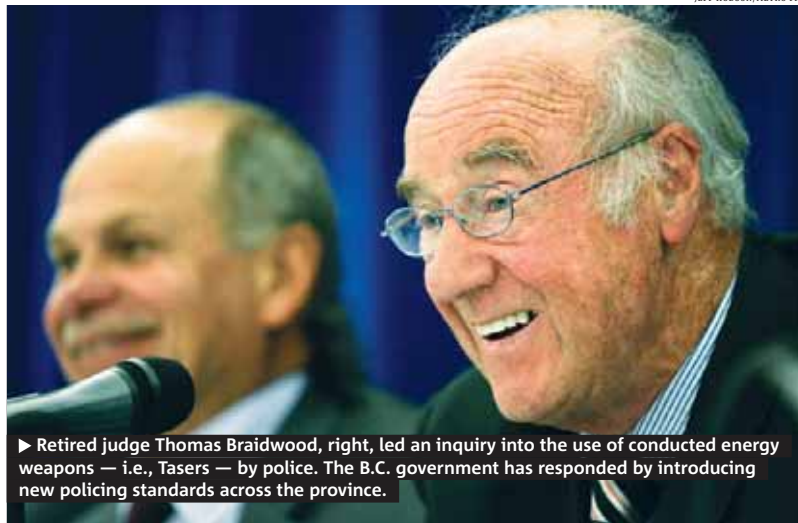
The new training standards, announced Thursday, are in response to the Braidwood Commission's recommendations after the death of Robert Dzeikanski in 2007. Video cameras will be installed in all public areas of police buildings in the wake of criticisms after the 2005 in-custody death of Ian Bush in Houston, B.C.

West Vancouver Chief Const. Peter Lepine, presi-

dent of the B.C. Association of Police Chiefs, said police departments have already implemented most of the changes.

"The big one for police departments to have to handle isn't so much the specific recommendations — it's the retrofitting of police buildings with cameras," Lepine said, estimating that West Vancouver will need to spend \$40,000 to upgrade its video-surveillance system to new provincial standards.

Lepine said the RCMP will face a much steeper bill to install cameras in all its community police stations in the province, but they have asked for a three-year extension to complete the work by January 2015.



► Retired judge Thomas Braidwood, right, led an inquiry into the use of conducted energy weapons — i.e., Tasers — by police. The B.C. government has responded by introducing new policing standards across the province.

Shirley Bond, the B.C. solicitor general, said she recognizes the costs are unanticipated and will allow forces more time to comply.

"We recognize there may be some cost pressures

for some municipalities in equipping their police departments with these cameras, so we are providing a transition period so detachments can comply," Bond said.

"British Columbians can

have confidence that police officers in our province — whether members of the RCMP or an independent force — now have common training, resources and guidelines to follow in how they conduct their work."

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Police identify murdered mother

- ▶ Three-year-old son is said to be OK after witnessing her violent death
- ▶ Police still have no suspects in the shooting



▶ Vancouver police examine the crime scene in the 6400 block of Bruce Street Wednesday where Thuy Yen "Jenny" Vu, 38, was gunned down in front of her three-year-old son.

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A mother shot and killed in front of her three-year-old son has been identified as Thuy Yen "Jenny" Vu.

Vu, 38, was in the driver's seat of her BMW when she was shot multiple times around 3 p.m.

on Wednesday near 49th Avenue and Bruce Street.

The vehicle was parked, but the engine was running when police arrived. Vu's youngest son was in the back seat of the SUV and was physically unharmed.

The toddler was put in the care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development on Wednesday,

but was expected to be returned to his father Thursday, said VPD spokesman Const. Lindsey Houghton.

Vu lived with her husband and four children ranging in age from three to 17, said Houghton.

The three older siblings are with their father, who is not considered a suspect, he said.

Police said the shooting appears to be targeted but that Vu was not known to them.

A description of the suspect has not been released but police are continuing to interview a handful of witnesses, said Houghton, adding that no further witnesses have come forward.

This is Vancouver's 14th homicide of 2011.

Man arrested for alleged sex with 13-year-old

A 20-year-old Surrey man has been arrested and is facing charges after he allegedly engaged in a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old Chilliwack girl he met online.

Chilliwack Mounties initiated an investigation after the girl's parents tipped them off that their daughter was having sexual relations with a Surrey man.

Police said the pair communicated through Facebook and peer-to-peer applications, conducting several online conversations and swapping explicit photos of themselves.

The man is also accused of having sex with the

young girl more than once. The man was arrested and has since been released on multiple conditions, including not having any contact with the girl. He has not yet been formally charged, but Mounties say he is facing several sex-related charges.

Police are urging parents to keep tabs on their children's internet use.

"Education is key," said Cpl. Tammy Hollingsworth with the Upper Fraser Valley RCMP. "One area of concern, especially because the iPod and iPad are becoming more appealing to children, is parental control of the content."

● PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Machinery stolen from business

Approximately \$150,000 worth of heavy machinery has been stolen at Rollins Machinery in Chilliwack.

On Dec. 8, Chilliwack RCMP responded to the break and enter on Yale Road West and discovered the rear fence to the compound had been cut and a tractor from the compound had been used to push the gate

open from the inside.

The suspect allegedly loaded two New Holland tractors, two New Holland passenger utility vehicles, an Emark mower, and a Jacobsen riding greens mower into one of the business's flat bed trucks.

According to Const. Tracy Woldbeck, the robbery is an enormous financial hit to the business.

"We want to do everything we can to help the business recover their property," she said.

● KENDRA WONG

Ferry returns after retrofit

The Queen of Burnaby is returning to its regular BC Ferries' Comox to Powell River route tomorrow after a major refit.

The vessel has been out of service since September so its generators, port main engine and propulsion system could be overhauled.

Among other things, the ferry's elevator system has been modernized and floors in the washrooms have been replaced.

The Queen of Chilliwack took over the vessel's regular duties.

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Pipeline could net Canada \$131 billion

A pipeline transporting oil-sands crude oil from Alberta to the West Coast would open the Canadian economy to a potential \$131 billion from international markets, according to a University of Calgary report. A pipeline like the controversial Keystone XL would also allow producers to avoid costly transportation to U.S. refineries. **CTV**



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Arrests made during takedown of gang-linked meth labs

Police busted five biker-gang-run meth labs across three Metro Vancouver cities and arrested two suspects early Thursday morning.

As many as 150 officers from the RCMP, Vancouver police, municipal and RCMP emergency-response teams and the clandestine laboratories unit simultaneously moved in at 5 a.m., raiding clandestine methamphetamine labs at two businesses and three

private residences in Metro Vancouver.

Search warrants were executed in the 2600 block of Lillooet Street and the 1100 block of Pacific Street in Vancouver; in the 200 block of Newport Drive and the 400 block of Capilano Road in Port Moody; and in the 9400 block of 189 Street in Surrey.

The combined forces special enforcement unit's outlaw motorcycle gang unit, which led the investigation,

made two arrests and more are to come, police said.

Investigators found "significant amounts of chemicals used in the production of illicit drugs" at a warehouse in Lillooet Street and an industrial unit in Surrey. Finished drug products were also found at two residential apartment units in Port Moody.

"This is one of several methamphetamine labs investigated by CFSEU teams in the past year and it

demonstrates organized crime's continued involvement in chemical drug production," Insp. Rob Johnston, who leads CFSEU's biker unit, said in a statement.

"(These labs) pose a serious safety risk," Johnston added. "We will continue to use every enforcement opportunity we can to pursue organized criminals who put the public in danger by the production of these drugs." ● PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS



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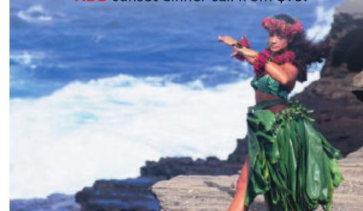
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Building edges closer to replacing heritage house

- Residents hope to save 108-year-old tulip tree on property
- City says all parties have to compromise



► The Legg Residence on Harwood Street in Vancouver's West End.

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Vancouver's development permit board approved a preliminary proposal that would demolish a heritage house and replace it with a 17-storey tower.

Bing Thom Architect's proposal to demolish the 112-year-old Legg Residence in the West End would be replaced with a

36-unit residential building that includes one level of underground parking and two detached garages.

The proposal preserves a 108-year-old tulip tree on the property.

Some residents are unhappy about the decision.

"It is a very complex case," said Randy Helton, with West End Neighbours. "It seems the city could have done a better

job of protecting the house and the tree. I don't think the neighbourhood's wishes were respected."

According to Brent Toderian, director of planning for the city, the future of the house is dependent on compromise between architects, West End residents, and the city.

"We need to decide

what's most important: the preservation of a heritage house or (density of the tower). All parties can't have their cake and eat it too," he said.

He urged architects to consider a previous proposal that would preserve as much of the heritage site as possible.

The official proposal still needs to be approved by council.

42 shelter spaces open in Marble Arch Hotel

Forty-two interim shelter spaces opened at the Marble Arch Hotel on Richards Street Thursday.

The spaces, funded by the provincial government, will operate 24 hours a day, offer meal programs, and incorporate a couples-only component.

The additional shelter capacity allows the province to establish more supportive housing in the city.

Recently, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson publicly criticized Housing Minister Rich Cole-

man for refusing to fund 160 HEAT shelter beds.

Following that, the province agreed to fund two-low barrier shelters until April at a cost of \$1 million. The city will provide \$500,000 for capital costs and programming.

Forty interim shelter spaces are currently open on Howe Street and the province plans to open 50 more in spaces in Mount Pleasant next week.

● KENDRA WONG

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HELICOPTER

Crash leads to chopper overhaul

A bearing failure in the engine of a helicopter that crashed in the B.C. Interior last year has triggered a maintenance alert for some choppers.

The pilot of the Bell 407 helicopter was flying five skiers and their guide south of Blue River, in the North Thompson, when the chopper went down.

Those on board heard a bang and seconds later the helicopter made a

hard landing on the snow-covered ground.

The pilot and guide, who were both sitting in the front, had back injuries, but no one else was hurt.

A Transportation Safety Board investigation determined that an engine-bearing failure caused the crash and the engine's manufacturer, Rolls-Royce, found that the bearings might be susceptible to damage during certain conditions.

Rolls-Royce has since issued a bulletin requiring helicopter owners to replace that make of bearing with a part that incorporates several design changes to solve the problem.

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B.C. 6th in generosity ranking

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When it comes to charitable giving, B.C. is the sixth most generous province or territory in Canada and the 53rd most generous of 64 jurisdictions in North America, says a new study released Thursday by the Fraser Institute.

The 2011 Generosity Index pitted 64 North American provinces, territories and states against each other in a battle of giving.

Each jurisdiction is ranked out of 10 according to the percentage of taxpayers that donated to registered charities in 2009, as well as the average proportion of their income they donated.

The study ranked B.C. at a relatively abysmal 2.8, with 21.7 per cent of British Columbians claiming charity donations on their tax returns and donating an average of 0.74 per cent of their incomes

before tax.

"It's unfortunate to see the level of private charitable giving in B.C. so low," said Charles Lammam, Fraser Institute senior policy analyst and co-author of the report.

Manitoba was No. 1 in Canada and placed 34th overall with a score of 3.8, and Nunavut ranked dead last at 64th.

Meanwhile in Utah, the top-ranked jurisdiction with a score of 8.8, more

than a third of taxpayers donated to charity and gave an average of 3.09 per cent of their incomes.

There are many reasons why some jurisdictions gave more than others, said Lammam, citing income, age, religion, tax treatment of donations, and scope of government as factors. Government giving often displaces private donors and even makes charities less likely to raise funds, he said.

B.C. to get tough on bullying

A new anti-bullying campaign is set to bring kindness, empathy and respect to classrooms across B.C. The proven Roots of Empathy program will start in 360 kindergarten classrooms, and a similar program will be piloted in 22 preschools.

The provincial government will provide \$800,000 to support the programs over five years.

● STEPHANIE ORFORD/WITH FILES FROM CANADIAN PRESS

Car rolls into sports anchor's home

A parked car rolled into the Burnaby home of Global B.C. sportscaster Jay Durant on Thursday, damaging two pillars at the front of the house, located on Dundas near Boundary.

The car is in the process of being inspected, according to police. Durant commented on Twitter that no one was hurt.

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Scrambling for safety

► New Richmond intersection the first for Lower Mainland ► It's hoped the four-way stop will help reduce pedestrian fatalities at the corner



Richmond installed the Lower Mainland's first

scramble intersection Thursday.

The four-way stop at No. 1 Road and Moncton Street in Steveston Village has

been transformed with new traffic lights and signals with an exclusive pedestrian "scramble" all-way crossing.

Mayor Malcolm Brodie hopes the intersection will reduce pedestrian fatalities.

"Now the new lights and scramble will calm traffic and (reduce) any confusion regarding the

right-of-way for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists," he said in a press release.

The speed limit in the village core has been reduced from 50 to 30 km/h.

The crosswalk pavement incorporates a nautical rope print by local Vancouver artist (and former Metro columnist) Carolyn Yandle.

Premier signs child-protection agreement with nine First Nations

JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE



Nine Victoria-area First Nations have signed a child-protection agreement that the B.C. government believes could serve as a provincewide blueprint for similar deals.

Premier Christy Clark said Thursday the accord provides an integrated system of services that focuses on First Nations customs and traditional practices for the care and well-being of children and families.

The deal puts in writing a partnership between the First Nations and the government that dates back four years during talks at the Tsyceum First Nation longhouse north of Victoria near Sidney.

Clark said the Child and Family Wellness Accord recognizes that the area's First Nations are in the best position to lead the development of family and child-protection services.

"We as signatories all understand that the family is the most important building block of our society," Clark said. "We can no longer operate with a government that says, 'I know what you need, here's what I'm going to do for you.'"

The signing ceremony did not include details about the process or fund-

"This accord is not just a document. It is a commitment to build healthy communities."

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ing, but Clark called it a significant and historic event that will eventually benefit many aboriginal children.

Chief Bruce Underwood of the Pauquachin First Nation said the accord is being treated as a major achievement in the southern Vancouver Island First Nations communities.

They were celebrating because the accord developed through four years of face-to-face meetings with ever changing ministers and a new premier as the commitment to strengthened family relations remained.

"It's a learning curve for all of us," Underwood said. "What we're doing is we're bridging that cultural gap."

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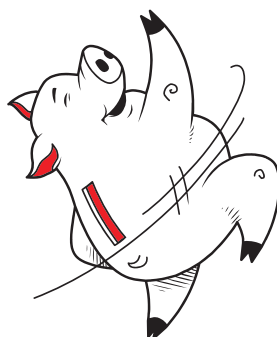
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Pregnant moms are popping pills too

► Majority of mothers-to-be took prescription drugs: study

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Almost two-thirds of pregnant women in B.C. filled at least one drug prescription while they were expecting, according to a new study by University of British Columbia researchers.

The study, published online Thursday in the journal *Clinical Therapeutics*, used data taken in B.C. from 2001 to 2006.

The drugs were predominantly antibiotics, respiratory drugs, dermatologics, and drugs that act on the nervous system.

Almost 8 per cent of pregnant women acquired drugs known to pose risks for fetuses, including medicines for anxiety, insomnia and depression.

Anti-depressant use was

“quite common” among the pregnant women studied, said Jaime Daw, lead author of the study and a researcher at the Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, part of the School of Population and Public Health at UBC.

“That’s an area where a lot of research is going now. A lot of people are concerned about that (anti-depressant) use,” she said.

Massive knowledge gaps exist when it comes to understanding drug effects, said Daw.

It’s a catch-22, she said. Pregnant women are usually excluded from clinical drug trials, but then when the drugs go on the market, pregnant women end up using them anyway.

“I don’t think people necessarily realize that the data that we approve drugs on is so limited,” she said.

DJs. Who’s a world-beater?



► DJs rock the crowd at Venue on Wednesday night during the Red Bull Thre3style World Finals. The winner of each nightly event will battle Saturday at Commodore Ballroom to be crowned the world’s best party rocker.

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They’re bullish on the party scene

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Stabbing seizes up rush hour

A man in his late teens or early 20s was severely injured in an early-morning stabbing in Coquitlam Thursday.

RCMP confirm a confrontation between the victim and a second man about 12:30 a.m., but no arrests have been made.

The incident occurred at a bus loop and major transit interchange (at Lougheed and Barnet highways), and Mounties shut down the area and adjoining park and ride.

That caused serious headaches for commuters.

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SHOCK FINDINGS

Will salmon virus hit in B.C. too?

There are indications that for decades now salmon in British Columbia may have been carrying a virus that wiped out stocks in Norway and Chile.

But experts don’t know if it will have the same devastating results.

Four pre-eminent fish scientists relayed their suspicions during an extraordinary meeting of the Cohen Commission,

which has spent 21 months investigating the sharp decline of B.C.’s Fraser River sockeye.

The commission reconvened after the alarming discovery by a Simon Fraser University professor of infectious salmon anaemia in two smolts in northern B.C.

Kristi Miller, who heads a molecular genetics lab for the federal Fisheries Department, joined two Canadians and a Norwegian on a panel appearing before the commission.

“I clearly believe there is a virus here that is very similar to ISA virus in Europe, but we really do need to get a fuller sequence to get more information about how similar it is,” said Miller.

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Icy roads blamed for bus crash

Icy roads likely played a part in a bus crash on Vancouver Island near Campbell River that injured 11 people.

All the victims were mine workers on a shuttle bus returning from the Myra Falls mine about 7 p.m. when the bus veered and flipped on its side.

One of the victims was seriously hurt.

Several other people were treated for neck or spinal injuries.

The crash closed Highway 28, west of Campbell River, for a short time.

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The doctor is in ... a big crowd

► A record number of MDs working, report says ► Glut may be looming

The number of practising doctors in Canada is at an all-time high.

Nearly 70,000 active physicians were working in the country last year, a new report shows.

The report — released Thursday by the Canadian Institute for Health Information — suggests the doctor shortage of a few years ago is being resolved.

The country may even be heading toward a glut if the supply of doctors isn't better managed, the report suggests.

"We have the short-term glasses on right now. We need to maybe put the long-term glasses on," said Arthur Sweetman, a health economist and a member of CHEPA — the Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis — at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont.

Another report by the health statistics agency said the average family

35%

There were 203 physicians for every 100,000 Canadians in 2010, up 35 per cent from the rate in 1980.

doctor grossed \$239,000 in 2010.

The average specialist's gross income was \$341,000. But these gross incomes cover not just the doctor's salary, but the cost of running the office as well.

The report said doctors' salaries increased by 7.4 per cent in 2010, down slightly from the 9.7 per cent and 8.8 per cent increases of the previous two years.

The number of doctors per 100,000 Canadians rose in all provinces and territories — except Yukon and Northwest Territories — in the last five years.

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Homecoming. Afghan stint ends



► Capt. Steph Barteaux is hugged by her dad, Bruce, and mom, Bonnie, after arriving in Ottawa on Thursday.

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Soldier returns to family's loving arms

The sign says it all: Welcome home — and thanks for a job well done. Brig.-Gen. Charles Lamaree and his staff arrived at the Canadian Reception Centre in Ottawa on Thursday, ending their stint in Afghanistan. They were the last Canadian soldiers to leave Kandahar, signifying the close of Operation ATHENA, Canada's longest combat mission in Afghanistan. Now Canada is concentrating on a training mission in Kabul.

MacKay lived like a king, group says

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is accusing Defence Minister Peter MacKay of living like a king while attending conferences in Europe.

The watchdog group said Thursday it used access-to-

information requests to uncover hotel bills that show MacKay spent \$1,452 a night for a two-night stay at a luxury hotel in Munich and \$770 a night for three nights in Istanbul.

Gregory Thomas, nation-

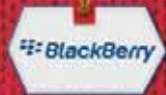
al director of the taxpayers group, says the bills go beyond what most people would consider reasonable. But the federation's complaints may be misdirected.

MacKay was attending an annual security confer-

ence, held at Munich's Hotel Bayerischer Hof in February 2010. Senior federal officials said MacKay stayed at the hotel at the request of the German government, with other heads of delegation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bikers face a tax bill

Here's one foe that not even the biggest, burliest biker can count on outmuscling: The taxman. A Hells Angels chapter — already embroiled in criminal charges and legal proceedings — is now also on the hook for back taxes on

its \$350,000 hangout. The organization has been ordered by a municipal judge to pay back \$25,000 plus interest on its property in Trois-Rivières, Que. The bikers haven't used the facility, which was seized by the provincial justice department, since a police sweep in April 2009 that arrested most alleged members. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Wails of grief over liquor toll

► Lethal tide of bootleg booze claims 143 victims

As relatives wailed in grief, the death toll from bootleg liquor containing toxic methanol climbed to 143 people, officials in eastern India said Thursday.

Dozens more were sickened after drinking the cheap, illicit brew. Police arrested 10 suspected bootleggers.

Emergency medical teams rushed to a village outside Kolkata, and thousands of grieving relatives gathered outside a packed hospital. Inside, dead bodies lay on the floor covered in quilts, while the ill waited on crowded staircases to be treated. Groups of men sat in the halls with saline drips running into their arms.



► A relative of a toxic-liquor victim cries at a hospital near Kolkata on Thursday.

Abdul Gayen cried inconsolably for his son, Safiulla, who drank some of the liquor and died before his family could get him to the hospital. "Safiulla was the lone bread earner in our family. I don't know

what will happen to us now," he said. Illegal liquor operations flourish in the slums of urban India and among the rural poor who cannot afford the alcohol at state-sanctioned shops. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Chinese district to ban veils and beards?

A city district in heavily Muslim western China is apparently trying to tamp down religious fervour by prohibiting people from wearing veils, traditional Arab dress or growing long beards.

A notice from the Dunmaili district of Yining said the campaign's objective was "to completely get rid of the abnormal phenomenon in the entire community of minority ethnic women and youth wearing Arabian dress, growing beards and covering their faces in veils."

Yining is in Xinjiang, a region home to the traditionally Muslim Uighur ethnic group. Many Uighurs resent Chinese rule and controls on their religion and culture.

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Canadians urged to get out of Syria

The federal government is again urging Canadians to get out of Syria while they still can.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says it is becoming increasingly difficult for Canadian diplomats and consular officials to do their jobs under restrictions imposed by President Bashar al-Assad.

"We are declaring a voluntary evacuation of all Canadians in Syria," Baird said. "We will provide specialized consular services to those who wish to leave."

"Our embassy in Damascus is also available to assist



"The time to leave Syria is now."

JOHN BAIRD,
FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER

Canadians in Syria, as well as their spouses and their dependent children with the needed travel documents, visas, between now and Jan. 14, 2012."

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Rebels kill 27 soldiers as Syria violence spikes

► Attacks could lead to new cycle of escalation, expert says

► Former ambassador to Sweden flees to Turkey to join opposition

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► This amateur footage from TV made available by a group called Ugarit News on Thursday shows what appears to be a Syrian tank on fire, in Homs, Syria, as gunfire rings out. The tank then apparently exploded. According to information released with this video, members of the al-Farouq brigade blew up the tank. The brigade is part of the Free Syrian Army and reportedly made up of Syrian army defectors.

Army defectors killed 27 government forces on Thursday in apparently coordinated attacks that were among the deadliest by rebel troops since the uprising in Syria began nine months ago.

The fighting began around daybreak in the southern province of Daraa, where the uprising against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's authoritarian regime began in March.

Syria has seen a sharp escalation in armed clashes recently, raising concerns the country of 22

million is headed toward civil war.

Sanctions by Western powers, Turkey and the Arab League have added to the growing pressure on al-Assad from within Syria.

U.S. State Department official Frederic Hof told Congress on Wednesday that al-Assad's repression may allow him to hang on to power, but only for a short time.

Still, the regime could exploit the escalation of armed attacks by military defectors to escalate the crackdown with full force on pockets of defectors

concentrated in Daraa and the northwestern province of Idlib that borders Turkey.

Defectors from the Free Syrian Army, whose leaders are based in exile in neighbouring Turkey, fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a bus carrying policemen into the town of Busra al-Harir on Thursday, killing 12 officers, an activist based nearby said.

That set off clashes with an accompanying force of soldiers. The defectors killed 13 of them, said the activist.

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Orders to kill

► New York-based Human Rights Watch said Thursday that dozens of military commanders and officials authorized or gave direct orders for widespread killings and torture.

► The 88-page report by the group is based on more than 60 interviews with defectors from the Syrian military and intelligence agencies. It identifies 74 commanders and officials behind the alleged abuse.

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UN official promotes gay rights

The UN's top human rights official urged countries Thursday to abolish legal discrimination against gays, days after the U.S. government said it would use foreign aid and diplomacy to promote gay equal rights.

The UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay, said governments should also outlaw all forms of abuse based on sexual orientation.

Pillay's appeal came in a report released Thursday to the 47-nation UN Human Rights Council, which in June passed the global body's first resolution condemning anti-gay discrimination. That vote was hailed by the U.S. but decried by some Muslim nations.

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Russia scrambles to save whales

Russian agencies are trying to save some 100 beluga whales — an endangered species — that are trapped among large

chunks of polar ice floating in the frigid Bering Sea.

Russia's nature protection watchdog says there is a chance that the whales might perish. Authorities say the ice is 10-15 centimetres thick and is preventing the whales from reaching the open sea where they can swim freely.

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Taking to the television

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► Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin listens to a question during a national call-in TV show in Moscow on Thursday.

► Putin, opposition give no ground amid unprecedented wave of discontent over recent Russian vote

Sharp-tongued and defiant, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin denounced those protesting vote fraud as stooges of the West and insisted that Russia's national election was valid. His opponents were undeterred.

In a four-and-a-half-hour marathon call-in show on national TV, Putin aimed to erect a bulwark against a rising wave of discontent. But his disdainful tone appeared likely to only fuel more protests, after a fraud-tainted parliamentary vote Dec. 4 sparked the largest public anger Russia has seen in a generation.

He dismissed opposition claims that vote fraud had given Putin's United Russia party a majority of the

3,500

In a telling display of anger, the number of people who signed up on Facebook to go to the Dec. 24 rally increased from 18,000 to 21,500 just in the hours Putin was speaking.

seats in parliament.

The opposition was not mollified.

"The boorish, disdainful attitude toward the people that Putin demonstrated in today's television show was obvious," said Boris Nemtsov, a prominent opposition leader, in a blog post after the show.

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Jacques Chirac found guilty

► Judge finds former president guilty of corruption, misuse of public funds ► Avoids serving jail time

As French president, Jacques Chirac was called all sorts of names, not the least for his vociferous opposition to the U.S.-led war in Iraq. Now, he has a moniker that will stick: Convicted criminal.

The avuncular 79-year-old on Thursday became France's first former leader to be convicted since Marshal Philippe Petain, who headed the Nazi collaborationist regime during the Second World War, in 1945. Chirac will not go to prison, but received a two-year suspended sentence for corruption linked to his 18-year term as the mayor of Paris.

In a statement hours after the decision, Chirac said though he "categorically contest(ed)" the verdict, he would not appeal.



► This Feb. 24, 2007, file photo shows ex-president Jacques Chirac at the Elysee Palace.

Despite the "pain and the profound sadness this verdict has inflicted," the statement said, "I sadly no longer have the necessary strength to lead before new judges the combat for the

truth."

He said that as mayor, "it is up to me and me alone to take responsibility," but stressed that "above all, I affirm with honour: I cannot be blamed for anything."

"I leave (judgment) to my compatriots, who know who I am: an honest man who never had any other desire or motivation than the unity of the French people, the greatness of France, and action in favour of peace."

Chirac was found guilty in two related cases involving 19 totally or partially fake jobs created for his benefit at the RPR party, which he led as Paris mayor from 1977 to 1995. He was convicted of embezzling public funds, abuse of trust and illegal conflict of interest. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Carlos the Jackal gets 2nd life sentence

Carlos the Jackal, the flamboyant Venezuelan who symbolized Cold War terrorism, was sentenced to life in prison —

again — in a Paris trial that ended late Thursday with him rallying for revolution and weeping for Moammar Gadhafi.

Carlos, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, hasn't seen freedom since French agents spirited him out of Sudan in a sack in 1994. He's already serving a life sentence in a French prison for a triple murder in 1975, the worst punishment meted out in a

country that does not have the death penalty.

Once one of world's most-wanted men, the former gun-for-hire and self-proclaimed revolutionary was escorted out of his cell and back to court last month to face charges that he instigated four bombings in France in 1982 and 1983 that killed 11 people and injured more than 140 others.

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► Keeli the chimpanzee looks out from his play room at the animal laboratory at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

U.S. adopts new limits on chimp research

► Few countries still conducting tests on chimpanzees

Chimps paved astronauts' way into space and were vital in creating some important medicines. But the U.S. government said Thursday that science has advanced enough that from now on, chimpanzees essentially should be a last resort in medical research — a move that puts the United States more in line with the rest of the world.

Chimps' similarity with

people "demands special consideration and respect," said Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health.

His move came after the prestigious Institute of Medicine declared that most use of chimpanzees for invasive medical research no longer can be justified — and that strict new limits should determine which experiments

are important enough to outweigh the moral cost of involving this species that is so like us.

The group stopped short of recommending an outright ban, saying a handful of research projects today might still require chimps.

Animal welfare groups welcomed the change but continue to push for legislation that would go a step further. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ontario doctor leads new international cancer study

A doctor from London, Ont. has set out to cure the incurable.

That may be the easiest way to explain an in-

ternational medical trial being headed by Dr. David Palma, a radiation oncologist with the London Regional Cancer Program.

"What we're trying to do in this study is take patients who have had cancer spread ... and treat them with this very precise high-dose radia-

tion," Palma said about the \$100,000 trial, funded mostly through the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research. Palma noted that while the idea is not new, an all-out clinical trial is needed to prove the method can work.

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Reasons for Knox verdict revealed

► Italian court cited weak evidence at original trial as reason American was cleared of murder

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The Italian appeals court that cleared Amanda Knox in the slaying of her British roommate gave the reasons for its ruling on Thursday: the evidence that had been used by a lower court to convict the American and her Italian boyfriend of murder just didn't hold up.

Those shortcomings included no murder weapon, faulty DNA, an inaccurate time for the killing, and insufficient proof that Knox and Raffaele Sollecito were even at the location where the crime occurred. So said the Perugia appellate court in its long-awaited reasoning behind its October ruling that reversed the lower court's convictions.



► Amanda Knox.

Meredith Kercher was found slain in her bedroom floor in Perugia, Italy, on Nov. 2, 2007.

Knox and Sollecito, who had begun dating at the time of the murder, were arrested several days later,

then convicted in what prosecutors portrayed as a drug-fuelled sexual assault. They were sentenced to 26 and 25 years, respectively.

On Thursday, the appellate cited among the other failed elements of the prosecutors' case DNA evidence, which was undermined during a re-examination in the appeals trial, and the failure to conclusively identify the murder weapon. The appellate court contradicted the lower court's time of death, saying it happened at around 10:15 p.m., not after 11 p.m. The court said the "building blocks" used to construct the case failed or were missing.

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Tower. Skate



► Ice skaters slide on the ice rink set 57 metres above the ground on the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

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Paris puts tourists on ice

Lodged between two of the Eiffel Tower's immense latticed steel legs, Paris's new ice rink is not big at 200 square metres, but adds a new dimension to the views from Paris' best-known landmark. It will remain open until Jan. 31.

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Weather could make enemies of polar bears

JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

They're etched onto our coins, are part of our national identity and lure tourists to the Arctic every year, but the majestic Canadian polar bear could pose a significant risk to northern communities if climate change continues to wreak havoc on its habitat.

"It's potentially quite serious in terms of human-

bear interactions," says Ian Stirling, an Edmonton-based scientist with the Canadian Wildlife Service who has studied polar bears for 41 years.

"It's a big problem in northern communities, it already is. They're killing 30, 40, 50 problem bears a year in the Canadian Arctic because they're threatening

human life or property."

The University of Alberta professor wants to drive home the point that action is needed to combat the climate change, which has the potential to turn the typically mild-mannered mammals into a risk.

In his new book, *Polar Bears: The Natural History of a Threatened Species*,

Stirling says the biggest threat to the bears is warming climate, which is causing earlier and more widespread melting of northern sea ice. The ice is crucial to the bears because it serves as a hunting platform to access their primary food sources — particularly ringed seal pups. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

► A polar bear mother and her two cubs walk along the shore of Hudson Bay near Churchill, Man., in this Nov. 7, 2007, photo.



U.S. marks end of mission in Iraq

PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVALS/POOL/AP PHOTOS

► Troops end presence with small service ► Iraqis' future uncertain

There was no Mission Accomplished banner. No victory parade down the centre of this capital scarred and rearranged by nearly nine years of war. No crowds of cheering Iraqis grateful for liberation from Saddam Hussein.

Instead, the U.S. military officially declared an end to its mission in Iraq on Thursday with a businesslike closing ceremony behind blast walls in a fortified compound at Baghdad airport. The flag used by U.S. forces in Iraq was lowered and boxed up in a 45-minute ceremony. No senior Iraqi political figures attended.

With that, and brief words from top U.S. officials who flew in under tight security still necessary because of the ongoing violence, the U.S. drew the curtain on a war that left 4,500 Americans and more than 100,000 Iraqis dead.

The conflict also left another 32,000 Americans and far more Iraqis wounded, drained more than \$800 billion from America's treasury and soured a majority of Americans on a war many initially supported as a just extension of the fight against terrorism after the 9-11 attacks.

As the last troops withdraw from Iraq, they leave behind a nation free of Saddam's tyranny but fractured by violence and fearful of the future. Bombings and gun battles are still common. And experts are concerned about the Iraqi security forces' ability to defend the nation against foreign threats. "You will leave with great pride — lasting pride," Defence Secretary Leon Panetta told troops. "Secure in knowing that your sacrifice has helped the Iraqi people to begin a new chapter in history." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► U.S. Command Sgt. Major Joseph R. Allen, left, and U.S. army Gen. Lloyd Austin, commander of U.S. Forces Iraq, wrap up a flag used by the U.S. forces in Iraq during a ceremony in Baghdad on Thursday.

Reaction

- Some Iraqis celebrated the exit of what they called American occupiers and others said that while grateful for U.S. help ousting Saddam, the war went on too long. A majority of Americans would agree, according to opinion polls.
- "With this withdrawal, the Americans are leaving behind a destroyed country," said Mariam Khazim, a Shiite whose father was killed by a mortar shell.
- "The Americans did not leave modern schools or big factories behind them. Instead, they left thousands of widows and orphans. The Americans did not leave a free people and country behind them; in fact, they left a ruined country and a divided nation."
- "The American ceremony represents the failure of the U.S. occupation of Iraq due to the great resistance of the Iraqi people," said lawmaker Amir al-Kinani.

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Canada's odd online searches

► Google releases list of search engine's bizarre, most popular queries from across country

Canadians may be among the most digitally savvy in the world but perhaps a lesson in using Google is in order.

The search giant released its annual lists of the most popular searches on Thursday and the biggest query of the year was www.census2011.gc.ca.

Even Google is at a loss to explain why so many Canadians typed the URL

for the Canadian census site into the search engine, rather than just accessing the address directly.

"It's peculiar," said Google Canada spokesman Aaron Brindle.

"Typing in 'census' would've made more sense to me as well but I guess there were millions and millions of Canadians that must've put in the URL."

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Popular searches

- For several years, Facebook has been the top search of the year on Google — even though it would take just a few extra taps to enter the .com and go directly to the site.
- Other top searches in Canada this year include YouTube, Toronto, you, Hotmail, Kijiji, weather,

game and Yahoo, showing that users often use a Google search as a way to click onto their fave sites.

- Bizarrely, "google" is consistently one of the year's top searches on Google.
- The search for www.census2011.gc.ca was the "fastest-rising" query of the year. Second was Skyrim, shorthand for a popular video game.

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Christmas. Ad



► A pedestrian passes a poster unveiled as part of a church advertising campaign, outside St. Anne's Church in Manchester, England, on Thursday.

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Nativity scene with style

With only days to go until Christmas, a church group unveiled a poster Thursday to remind people of the religious aspect of the holiday. A beautifully groomed Mary with a fashionably dressed Joseph gaze adoringly at a baby's crib while Wise Men carry a Faberge egg, a crystal bottle of perfume and a decorated skull. The poster was deliberately designed to look like a fashion photograph.

2011's word of the year is ...

Top words

- Merriam-Webster has been picking its top choice since 2003. Past winners include: austerity (2010), admonish (2009) and bailout (2008).

When the time came for Merriam-Webster to pick its top word of 2011, its editors decided they needed to be pragmatic. So they chose ... pragmatic.

The word, an adjective that means practical and logical, was looked up so often on Merriam-Webster's online dictionary that the publisher says "pragmatic"

was the pragmatic choice for 2011. "Pragmatic" may have sparked users' interest because they'd heard it in conversations, and because it captures the current American mood of encouraging practicality over frivolity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China. Choco-chic



► A model shows off clothing partially made of chocolate during a chocolate fashion show in Shanghai on Thursday.

EUGENE HOSHIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fashioned from chocolate

Canada Post No. 8 in G20

British firm Oxford Strategic Consulting says Canada Post takes the No. 8 spot in its ranking of postal services in the G20 countries.

The ranking is based on postal service providers' performance over the three years from 2008-10 looking at access to services, effi-



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ciency and performance.

The U.S. Postal Service took the No. 1 spot, followed by Japan Post, Australia Post and Korea Post.

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More than money at stake in developing Arctic: Report

► Melting of permafrost due to climate change affecting infrastructure

Governments and businesses are being advised they must look beyond immediate economic benefits when it comes to paying for roads, ports and rail lines in the Arctic.

The Conference Board of Canada said in a report released Thursday that even though such projects are more expensive to build and maintain than they would be in the south, they're still worth it.

"If you've got an all-weather road into a community, it's a lot easier and cheaper to get goods and people into and out of those communities than if you're dependent on a winter road that's only open for an increasingly short number of weeks," said David Stewart-Patterson, the think-tank's vice-president.

"But it's not just about access to economic opportunities. It's access to essential public services."

Canada's North is poorly served by transportation infrastructure. Aside from private roads built for spe-



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► A speed-limit sign along the road near the Meadowbank gold mine in Nunavut.

cific resource projects, Nunavut has only 21 kilometres of all-weather road in the entire territory. It has only one harbour, despite the fact almost all its communities are along shorelines.

The northern reaches of the provinces face similar limitations. The report says 25,000 people in northern

Manitoba depend entirely on winter roads, the season for which is shrinking yearly.

But costs would be significant at a time when governments are looking for places to cut, not spend.

Stewart-Patterson says that's why major projects would have to be funded

by both industry and government.

"The reality is that making the kinds of investments that are going to be required to improve transportation infrastructure across the North more broadly are going to have to involve the private sector as well as the public sector."

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Board sets rules for Arctic drilling

Canada's energy regulator will continue to require that oil and gas companies wanting to operate in sensitive Arc-

tic waters be able to drill immediate relief wells to help contain blowouts.

The recommendation was released Thursday by the National Energy Board in its review of the rules for northern offshore drilling. The review was undertaken after the massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

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We're makin' a list, checkin' it twice. So you're gonna find out who's naughty and nice ... which is especially important this time of year.

1 Justin Trudeau has been very naughty. The son of former Prime Potty Mouth Pierre Trudeau (remember "fuddle duddle"?), demonstrates that the rotten apple doesn't fall very far from the tree as he loses it in question period and refers to Environment Minister Peter Kent as the four-letter version of a piece of excrement. At least he's efficient.

2 Canadians confirm they are the world's most boring people by making the census and Canada Post their two fastest-rising Google searches. While the rest of the world made 14-year-old pop curiosity Rebecca Black their fastest-rising search for Friday, dubbed by critics as "the worst song ever," we're looking into overnight delivery and number of adults per household. We're soooo nice. Sigh.

3 The Protester is Time Magazine's Person of the Year. OK, you've occupied our media and our minds for the requisite 15 minutes. Time to lay down your pitchforks and your torches and go back to your farms and families. You've been naughty for a noble cause.

4 Albert Pujols has agreed to play baseball for the Los Angeles Angels for the next 10 years. In return the team has agreed to pay him \$50,000 every time he steps up to the plate, even though his batting average has lost more than 50 points since the 2008 season. Nice! Albert Pujols is definitely a member of the one per cent. How come nobody tries to Occupy the Dugout?

5 The Artist, the silent movie, leads the Golden Globe nominations with six. Silence is, er, golden. Meanwhile, last weekend was the worst in modern box-office history. Is there a pattern here? Fortunately the notoriously naughty Robert Downey Jr. opens this week as Sherlock Holmes in *A Game of Shadows*. As the main competition is *Alvin and the Chipmunks*, Sherlock's duel with Professor Moriarty, the Nabob of Naughty, expects to gross more than \$50 million.

6 The Higgs boson has made it a pretty nice week for science nerds as the VBEM (Very Big Expensive Machine) at CERN in Switzerland has identified tantalizing hints that the Holy Grail of physics, a.k.a. the God particle, the elemental building block of Everything, exists. They seek it here; they seek it there; that damned elusive particle. Stay tuned for the exciting conclusion early in 2012.

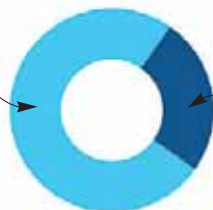
7 Justin Bieber is the most searched image on Google in 2011. Overexposed. And not in a nice way.



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► **@sportsnetmurph:**
#canucks Alain Vigneault equated the size of Dave Bolland's IQ to that of a bird seed and said he has a face only a mother could love.

► **@thesarajah:** bolland troll-olololol you mad bro? media buzzy buzz. Sedin pfft I ain't even mad. ok let's be

done with him and his bird seed brained self.

► **@hndriver:** Lol! RT @TheGreenMen So Dave Bolland called us ugly... you'd think an NHL'r would have better chirps

► **@bill_stratton:** "bunk beds" was his best, not bad RT @TheGreenMen: So Dave Bolland called us ugly... you'd think an NHL'r would have better chirps

► **@ordancurtis7:** Alain Vigneault on Dave Bolland: "He has a face that only a mother could look at." Wow. #realtalk

► **@AwesomeEwim:** I listened to Bolland's comments. Then I listened to Alain's. Then I lol'd.

Daily Zoom



Second-smallest baby in the U.S.

Melinda Guido is pictured shortly after her birth in late August with the hand of Dr. Rangasamy Ramanathan as a comparison. Melinda was born at 24 weeks weighing 9.5 ounces.

She's believed to be the second smallest baby to survive in the U.S.

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Girl power

- Most tiny babies who survive tend to be female because female fetuses mature faster than males.
- The smallest surviving baby, born weighing 9.2 ounces, is now a healthy seven-year-old. Another who weighed 9.9 ounces at birth is an honours college student.

"The first few weeks, it was touch and go. None of us thought the baby was going to make it."

DR. RANGASAMY RAMANATHAN

Two more weeks

Dr. Rangasamy Ramanathan predicted at least another two-week stay at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center for the premature baby, dashing her parents' hopes of taking her home by Christmas. Melinda can breathe by herself, but still uses an oxygen tube as a precaution.

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Top tech toys

company has now expanded into the tablet market. The affordable Kobo Vox is a colour eReader, which doubles as an entry-level Android tablet. Read books, surf the web, send email or download one of more than 15,000 apps. The Kobo Vox is not as fast as some of the top-selling tablets on the market, but makes a great gift for someone who wants an easy-to-use device.

TDK Boombox — \$399

The '80s are making a comeback! TDK, the company best known for blank cassette tapes, is bringing the boombox back. This high-end audio system is made from quality materials including glass and aluminum. Two powerful six-inch coaxial drivers deliver clear vocals and crisp highs while a six-inch subwoofer provides superior bass. Supports most audio devices, even instruments! Carry this beauty on your shoulder this Christmas and make a statement.

ION iCade — \$99.99

Turn your iPad into an authentic arcade cabinet. Made from wood, this cabinet features buttons and a joystick to ensure you get the nostalgic feeling of

stepping into an arcade. No quarters needed! The iCade is compatible with more than 100 classic Atari games such as Asteroids, Centipede, and Battlezone (each sold separately).

Viper SmartStart — starting at \$349 (price depends on vehicle)

Tired of getting into a cold vehicle? Why not use your smartphone to start your vehicle so it's toasty warm when you climb in. Viper's SmartStart system works off your cell signal so you can start your vehicle from practically anywhere you get reception. No need for a remote on your key ring. You can also lock, arm, unlock, pop the trunk or set off a panic alarm. Works with most smartphones.

Nike+ SportsWatch GPS — \$199

Need encouragement to get in shape? This watch may just be what you are looking for. Nike has teamed up with TomTom to design the perfect GPS watch to track time, pace, distance, calories burned,

and heart rate while running. You can even go online and take a look at your running history and interact with runners around the globe. Wear it while running or use it as an everyday watch.

Darth Vader Toaster — \$49.99

Enjoy your toast on the dark side? This dual-slotted toaster is for you. This officially licensed toaster will help you leave the mark of Vader's helmet on every piece of bread in your home on Christmas morning. Optional temperature settings ensure each slice is toasted to perfection.

Parrot AR.Drone Quadricopter — \$329

Boys love their toys and here's one that will keep them entertained for

hours. Parrot's AR.Drone is like a helicopter, only with four sets of spinning blades. The Drone is controlled through your iPhone and iPad. What really sets this gadget apart from other flying toys are the two cameras mounted on the device to give you a bird's-eye view from the air on your phone. You can also download augmented reality games such as a dog-fighting simulator, which uses the cameras on the Drone. Make sure you buy an extra battery since one charge will only give you about 10 minutes of flight!

Crayola ColorStudio HD — \$29.99

Turn your iPad into a colouring book! Download the special app, select your colour, tip shape and then draw right on your iPad with the digital iMarker. It feels just like a real Crayola marker! Download new pages, background music and sound effects. It's like having a never-ending colouring book!

Darth Vader Toaster, \$49.99, top, TDK Boombox, \$399, left,



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Still looking for that special something for that gadget lover in your life? There are so many gadgets and so little time before Christmas! Let us help you weed out the good from the bad with this list of must-have tech toys sure to please that nerd in your life.

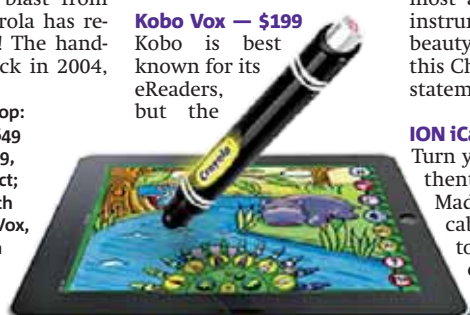
Motorola Razr — \$649 (no contract); \$149 — three-year contract

Now here's a blast from the past! Motorola has revived the Razr! The handset debuted back in 2004,



Kobo Vox — \$199

Kobo is best known for its eReaders, but the



Clockwise, from top: Motorola Razr, \$649 (no contract), \$149, three-year contract; Nike+ SportsWatch GPS, \$199; Kobo Vox, \$199; and Crayola ColorStudio HD, \$29.99.

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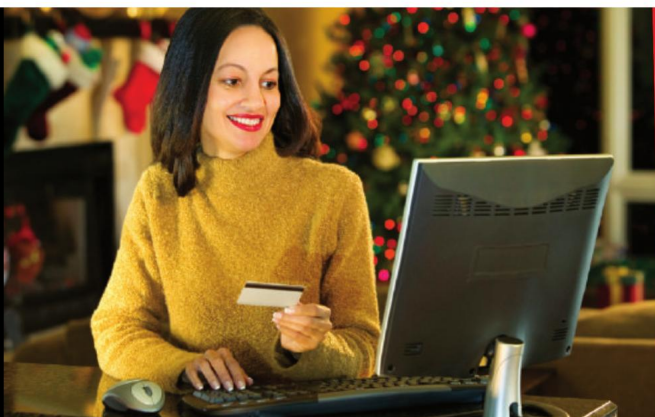
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parking lots looking for elusive parking spaces, no need to wrestle with awkward packages and, of course, no need to even change out of your pyjamas.

From research and comparison shopping to purchase and delivery, many people are discovering

that online is the way to shop. The Internet offers almost endless ideas for finding the perfect gift for everyone on your shopping list. If you are thinking about doing some of your Christmas online this year, here are some pointers to help make the experience an efficient and enjoyable one.

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(canadashoppinglinks.com) guides you to Canada's Internet retailers.

DETAILS When you're considering a purchase, pay attention to any terms and conditions, warranties, shipping facts and other important details.

REVIEW THE VENDOR'S RETURN POLICY Even the savviest of shoppers can end up with clothing that doesn't fit, is the wrong colour or wasn't quite what he or she expected.

With Dec. 25 fast approaching, make sure you also factor in delivery time. Some sites offer express shipping, but it's best to get your shopping done sooner than later to ensure that your special gift makes it under the tree in time for Christmas!

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FIVE TIPS FOR WRAPPING UP CHRISTMAS

Say so long to Christmas-Eve chaos this year by wrapping holiday gifts well before Christmas. Here are a few tips to make the job easy and enjoyable.

SET UP A DESIGNATED WRAPPING AREA and ensure you have all the gift-wrapping essentials before you start. These include scissors,

tape, gift tags, paper and ribbon.
Tip: Double-sided tape stays put and out of sight.

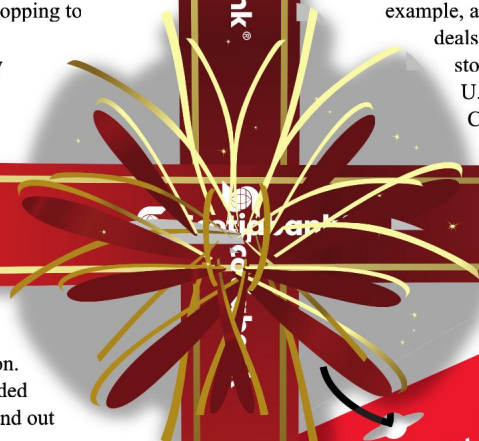
USE CLEAR OR PRINTED CELLOPHANE BAGS to wrap beauty products, candies, or baked goods. Seal the bag with ribbon or raffia and add some seasonal stickers to finish the job.

PICK UP PAPER GIFT BAGS AT YOUR LOCAL DOLLAR STORE Bags are affordable and available in a variety of sizes and patterns.

PURCHASE A GLUE GUN AT THE CRAFT STORE Glue guns are fun and easy to use and can transform an ordinary gift into a masterpiece.

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TOP 10 SONGS OF THE SEASON

When it comes to choosing the top 10 Christmas songs of all time, where do you start? Over the years, the airwaves have treated us to a variety of classics sung by everyone from Bing Crosby and Nat "King" Cole to Band Aid and Mariah Carey.

ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS (ASCAP), THE TOP 10 ARE:

1. The Christmas Song (Nat "King" Cole)
2. Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas (The Pretenders)
3. Winter Wonderland (Eurythmics)
4. Santa Claus Is Coming To Town (Bruce Springsteen)
5. White Christmas (Bing Crosby)
6. Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! (Andy Williams)
7. Jingle Bell Rock (Bobby Helms)
8. Little Drummer Boy (The Harry Simeone Chorale & Orchestra)
9. Sleigh Ride (The Ronettes)
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❄️ When trying to find a gift for service providers in your life, Charles the Butler advises to make a list of everyone you wish to give a present.

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Firstly, the types of service providers you may wish to thank are the dog walker, newspaper delivery person and mail carrier, just to name a few.

There are two methods for dealing with this.

My favourite is to pick a theme. For example, everyone who works outside gets the same thing, such as a gift card from Tim Hortons or a new

scarf and glove set.

This is always a welcome treat since they can warm up the winter with a hot drink or with their new scarf and gloves.

But what to do if you have people at different levels of what is appropriate to give? For example, what do you give a dog walker versus your math tutor?

1 First, I like to write a list of everyone I wish to give a present.

2 Try to come up with two or three categories, such as small, medium and big, and assign a dollar value to each category.

3 Next, place everyone from your list into one of the three categories. Now you have your list and everyone is easily classified.

So what's next? Pick the presents for each category — small presents are \$5 bars of special soap, the medium category is \$20

bottles of wine and, finally, the big category for only a few people may be chipping in with your brothers and sisters to buy your parents a new TV.

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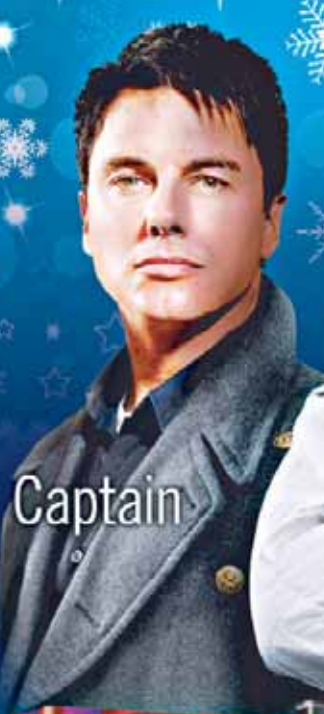
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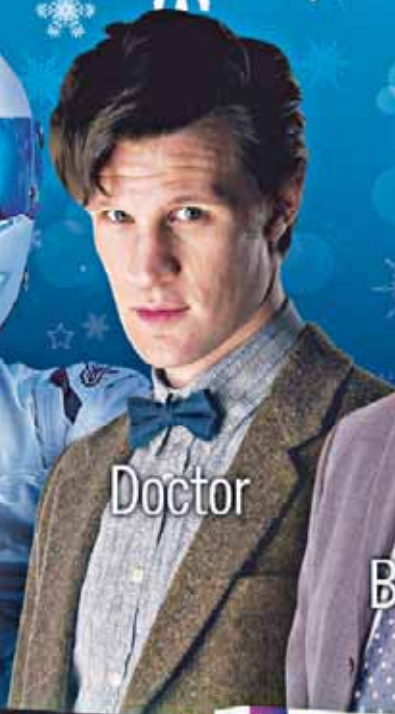
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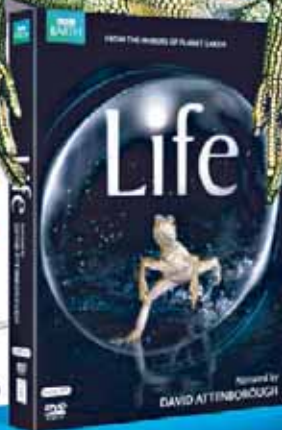


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THE BLACKBERRY: LOVE IT!

Did you know that Lady Gaga has a BlackBerry? In a picture posted on celebrityblackberrysightings.com, she holds it tightly in her hand as she poses for cameras. The website keeps a running tab on celebrities who have been spotted sporting a BlackBerry. There are also pictures of Brad Pitt with his BlackBerry Torch, Jay-Z holding onto a sleek-looking white BlackBerry Bold, and many others.

But you don't have to be famous to have a BlackBerry. All told, there are 70 million BlackBerry subscribers in 91 countries around the world! In Canada, a wide selection of BlackBerry phones is available on Mobility's unlimited network.

The BlackBerry is famous in its own right. The operating system was developed by Research in Motion (RIM), and every BlackBerry smartphone is an all-in-one mobile phone, email device, web browser and organizer with an intuitive menu system, QWERTY keyboard and easy-to-read display. There are multimedia functions too, for music, videos and photos.

Here's a list of the stand-out features people love about their BlackBerry.

EMAIL

You can't beat the speed of

BlackBerry's email. That's because the BlackBerry user is in an "always on" environment. Let's say you have a BlackBerry Torch 9810. When mail is sent to you, it is picked up immediately and pushed to your BlackBerry where it appears instantly. You can access mail without having to open any special programs or even the BlackBerry browser. And with Mobility's affordable unlimited data options, users can access email as much as they want without being concerned about a huge bill.

INSTANT MESSAGING

The acclaimed BlackBerry Messenger (BBM) gives BlackBerry users a quick, easy way to send instant messages to each other when connected to a wireless network like Mobility's. It's a free app that comes with BlackBerry Internet Service (currently 50 percent off at Mobility), and unlike email, lets you carry on several conversations at the same time. Another great thing about BBM is that it shows you when your messages are delivered (D) and read (R). BlackBerry smartphones support other instant messaging applications too, including MSN Messenger, Yahoo Messenger, Skype and AIM.

SMOOTH OPERATOR

All of the applications included in the

BlackBerry operating system are seamlessly integrated with one another for a convenient and smooth user experience. For example, if you receive an email from one friend that contains a phone number, all you have to do is click on it from within the email application and voila, the number gets dialed. Likewise, you can take a picture on your BlackBerry Curve 9380 and send it to a friend via email from within the camera application.

CHOICE

There is a wide selection of BlackBerry smartphones for consumers to choose from – from the basic BlackBerry Curve 9360 to the ultra-sophisticated BlackBerry Bold 9900 and BlackBerry Torch 9810. You can personalize any of these devices with your favourite ringtones, wallpapers, themes, games and a growing number of software applications and accessories, available from the BlackBerry App Store. Price-wise, there's lots of choice as well. Mobility's BlackBerry smartphones range from the affordable Curve phones (Mobility has the 9360 and 9380 each priced at \$299.99, and starting today the 3G is on sale for \$129.99), to the more premium BlackBerry Torch 9810 priced at \$499.99 and the BlackBerry Bold 9900 priced at \$549.99.

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▶ BLACKBERRY CURVE 9360



While it looks and feels like a lightweight (at 99 g and just 11 mm thick), the all-new Curve 9360 is anything but. It has a 5 Megapixel camera with flash, and a fast BlackBerry Browser with seamless panning and zooming, great web-based video and gaming. You'll enjoy fluid animation and stunning graphics too. Regular price \$299.99 at Mobility.

▶ BLACKBERRY CURVE 9380



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▶ BLACKBERRY TORCH 9810



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▶ BLACKBERRY BOLD 9900



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IM+

This mobile chat application allows you to keep up with messages and information in Facebook, Skype, Yahoo, MSM and more. Invite your friends to a group chat and enjoy! You can also integrate it to your BlackBerry inbox and send files, photos and voicemails. **Free**



AP MOBILE

For news junkies on the go, AP Mobile brings you up-to-the-minute local, national and international news. The latest version called AP Mobile World Edition, also offers push alerts, improved navigation, and support for multiple languages as well as BlackBerry OS 7-enhanced video experiences. **Free**



GOOGLE MAPS

Leaving the house? Be sure to have the Google Maps application on your BlackBerry. It lets you see locations nearby, use voice search, traffic, street view and even different map layers and views. The most recent version lets you filter searches by star rating or distance. **Free**



PHOTO STUDIO

Turn your BlackBerry smartphone into a photo editing studio with the Photo Studio for BlackBerry app. With simple but powerful image processing, you can resize, rotate and crop your photos. There are also 70 unique effects. Then, add a frame and share your photo. **Free**



ONE TOUCH FLASHLIGHT

This flashlight app comes with a one touch on/off icon and claims to be the brightest flashlight for when you're looking for keys you've dropped on the ground at night... or anytime! It uses BlackBerry video light not the low-light LED screen light so it delivers more light more quickly. No wonder *Fortune Magazine* rated this popular app one of the best! **Free**



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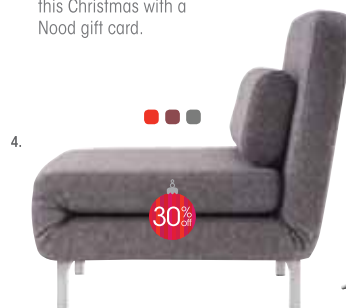


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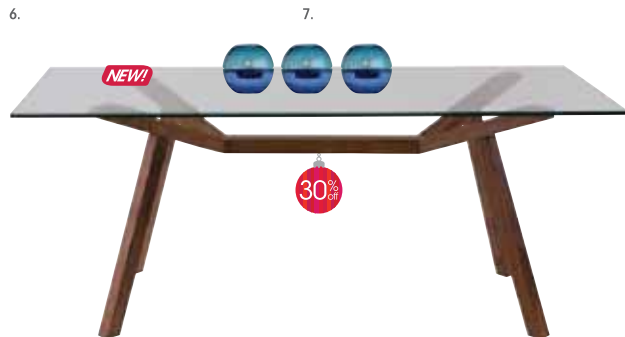
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Gillette Fusion ProGlide Irritation 5 Defense Shave Gel, left, The Body Shop Hemp Hand Protector and Hemp Body Butter, below, and All-Natural Consonant Ultra Moisturizing Organic Face Cream for Dry Skin and Body Antioxidant Superhero Serum.

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Clockwise from top: Bath & Body Works Stress Relief Set; Dior Deluxe Holiday Palette; Crabtree & Evelyn Hand Therapy Kit with La Source Hand Recovery, Hand Therapy, Nail & Cuticle Cream; Boscia Luminizing Black Mask; Tata Harper Revitalizing Body Oil; Airplus Spa Value Set; Nina Ricci L'Air.



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Green & Black's Dark 85% Chocolate, Chili & Lime Bread

Ingredients:

- 15 g (½ oz) active dry yeast
- 25 g (1 oz) brown sugar
- 400 ml (14 fl oz) warm water
- 450 g (1 lb) strong white bread flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 125 g (4½ oz) Green & Black's Dark 85% chocolate, chopped
- 1½ fresh limes
- 1 dried red chilli pepper
- 50 ml (2 fl oz) olive oil

Preparation:

- 1 Mix together the yeast, sugar and 200 ml (7 fl oz) warm water to activate the yeast. Set aside in a warm place for about 15 minutes.
- 2 Sift the flour and salt into a mixing bowl. Add the chocolate and the zest of one of the limes. Thinly slice and chop the lime, skin on, and add half to the mixture with the juice from the other lime half. De-seed and finely chop the chilli pepper and add to the mixture. Add in the olive oil and mix roughly.
- 3 Once the yeast has become activated and frothy, add it to the mixture and mix thoroughly by hand.



- 4 As the liquid is absorbed, add a further 50 ml (2 fl oz) of the warm water and continue to mix. When a dough ball starts to form, use your judgment to add as much of the remaining warm water as required. The dough should be moist but not

wet. If the dough becomes too wet, sprinkle in some extra flour to absorb the excess moisture. Continue to work the dough for 15 minutes.

- 5 Place the dough on a floured baking tray. Cover with a clean damp dishcloth and leave in a warm

place for at least 20 minutes to prove.

- 6 Preheat the oven to 180 C (350 F). Lightly oil the loaf pan with olive oil and add dough, pressing down and shaping gently, then turn off the oven and place the pan in the oven to stand for a further 15 minutes.

- 7 Turn the oven on and preheat to 220 C (425) and bake for 20 minutes. After 20 minutes, turn the bread out of the pan and tap the bottom with a wooden spoon — it should sound hollow. If it does, place the loaf on a wire rack to cool; if it doesn't, return to the oven (without the pan) for a further 5 minutes. Serves 12.

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Sassy Little Elf

Ingredients:

- 2 oz X-Rated Fusion Liqueur
- 1½ oz guava juice or nectar
- 1 oz half-n-half
- ½ oz freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Garnish: Lemon zest (or mini candy cane)

Preparation:

- 1 Vigorously shake all ingredients with ice. Strain into a chilled martini glass. Serve with the garnish on rim of the glass.

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Cabo Wabo Loco Mocha

Ingredients:

- 1½ oz Cabo Wabo Blanco Tequila
- 4 oz hot chocolate
- ½ oz coffee liqueur
- whipped cream

Preparation:

- 1 Pour all ingredients into a coffee cup. Stir well. Finish with dollop of whipped cream.

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Green & Black's White Chocolate Risotto with Perron Old Cheddar and Truffle Oil

Ingredients:

- 50 g unsalted butter
- 130 g risotto
- 300 ml white wine
- 400 ml water
- 90 g Perron old cheddar, shredded
- 100 ml 35% cream
- 40 g Green & Black's white chocolate, grated
- Drops truffle oil
- Chopped pecans (optional)



Preparation:

- 1 In a casserole dish, melt butter and add risotto. Cook and stir until mixture softens. Add white wine, alternating with water so the mixture is entirely covered with liquid, stirring often.

- 2 When ready to serve, add cream and cheese to mixture, and mix well. Carefully stir in the grated chocolate.

- 3 Add mixture to serving bowls and season with a few drops of truffle oil. To add a nutty flavour, garnish with chopped pecans. Serves 4.

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Choco Cherry Kiss

Ingredients:

- 1½ oz SKYY Vodka
- ½ oz Cherry Brandy
- ¾ oz cream
- ¾ oz Earl Grey simple syrup (see below)
- Grated cinnamon
- Grated dark chocolate

Preparation:

- 1 Combine SKYY Vodka, Cherry Brandy, cream, and simple syrup into cocktail shaker with ice. Shake vigorously until nice and frothy (around 10-15 seconds).

- 2 Strain into chilled cocktail glass and finish by grating cinnamon and dark chocolate onto the surface.

* Earl Grey simple syrup: 1 cup raw cane sugar, 1 cup water, 3 Earl Grey Tea Bags. Heat water and sugar in saucepan until sugar has completely dissolved. Remove from heat and allow tea bags to steep for at least 10 minutes, or until desired strength has been reached.



❄ Experts say measuring drinks is important at parties. Not only do drinks taste better, but you are also making sure you are pouring standard pours.

Measure up as a party host this holiday season

Pouring drinks for guests can be somewhat intimidating.

People have different preferences, the glassware comes in all shapes and sizes and it can be tricky to get the amounts just right.

The host or hostess will also want to make sure that guests who imbibe over the holidays get home safely, or spend the night on a couch or in the guestroom if need be.

"Part of being a responsible host is definitely to measure your drinks for your guests, and not have an open bar," said Stephanie Petroff, a senior communications consultant for the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO).

"Measuring drinks is really important. Not only do drinks taste better, but you're also then making sure that you're pouring standard pours."

If guests request a weaker version of a mixed drink, that's OK, too, she indicated. "If they want to pour their own, have somebody there maybe offering a bit of advice."

Troy Wanner, operations manager for the Fine Art Bartending School, said it's tough to get the amounts right just by eyeballing the glass.

"Definitely have a measuring device of some sort, whether it be a shot glass, a jigger, anything that you can kind of measure your pouring," he said from the school's head office in Kelowna, B.C.

Checklist

Here is a checklist for responsible hosting when alcoholic beverages are being served at a holiday party or get-together:

- ▶ **Don't plan physical activities** when you're serving alcohol. People are more prone to accidents and injury when drinking.
- ▶ **Provide low-alcohol** and alcohol-free drinks, such as mocktails, non-alcoholic punch, pop, water, tea and coffee.
- ▶ **Have food available** to avoid drinking on an empty stomach. Avoid serving salty, sweet or greasy snack foods; they will make your guests thirstier. High-starch and protein foods such as meats, veggies, cheeses, dips and breads are good choices.

Getting the right amount of ice in the glass of a mixed drink can make a huge difference, he added.

"People don't realize that. If you only put a little bit of ice in the glass, then you'll have a lot of mix, whereas if you have the glass full of ice, you're going to have way less mix."

Petroff noted that shapes and sizes of glassware are getting larger, which can contribute to the challenge of mastering the perfect pour.

LCBO launched a new ad recently to encourage people to speak up — address

the elephant in the room — and prevent inebriated guests from getting behind the wheel. A new home bartending challenge on its website (deflatetheelephant.com) allows users to look at various glasses intended for different beverages, and try online to pour the correct amount.

"There's a whole variety of glassware so it's important to be aware that you're not, obviously, filling it to the top or overpouring because then it's hard to, in a sense, control what guests are drinking throughout the evening," Petroff said.

When trying the home bartending challenge, Petroff acknowledged that the wine category was the hardest for her because some wine glasses are almost bowl-like nowadays.

Wanner agreed that there is a tendency to want to overpour with the large goblets.

"If you want to use a bigger glass, you can pre-pour into a smaller dinner wine glass and then dump it into the goblet so you're not overpouring. To eyeball wine into a goblet is next to impossible."

Booze-free options should be available at any festivity — not only for designated drivers, but also so that people who are drinking can pace themselves by consuming non-alcoholic beverages, too.

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MORE CANADIANS ARE CHOOSING TO HELP OTHERS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

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"I think it's a sort of growing voice," says Owen Charters, the executive director of canadahelps.org.

Canadahelps.org is a Canadian website that allows people to make online donations to any registered Canadian charity.

Charters says part of the reason for the charitable gift giving movement is that in an aging population, people are having a hard time finding items of need for themselves and others.

"How many more things do we really need?" is a question Charters says many baby boomers are asking themselves.

Charters says companies are also gravitating towards charitable gift giving. Rather than sending out cards and gifts, some are instead sending out holiday cards by email and making a donation to charity.

For Heather Avery, a resident of Truro, N.S., her practice of charitable gift giving during the Christmas holidays originated from her husband's family. Avery's husband grew up on a farm and the values of being appreciative of what you had and helping others in need were instilled in the children from an early age.



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Charitable gift giving is an idea she has bought into completely.

"When I came on the scene, it was like, 'Oh, you don't give your mom and dad a gift for Christmas,'" recalls Avery. "Now it's second nature. It's just, 'This is what we do. What charity are we choosing this year?' It's the way it should be."

Another added benefit of making a donation to charity is the tax benefits, although research shows this is only a small motivating factor for people.

With around 80,000 charities in Canada, choosing one (or a few) to donate to can be a challenge. Charters recommends checking out charities' annual reports and their websites to get a better idea of the work they are doing and the sort of impact they are having.

Also, don't hesitate to contact the organization for additional information.

"An organization that's doing great work is usually proud to talk about what they are up to," says Charters.

One important thing to determine is whether an organization is actually a charity. To verify this, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) recommends people ask a charity for its registration number and then confirm its status by accessing CRA's charities listing on its website (cra-arc.gc.ca) or by phoning CRA.

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"2011 is shaping up to be another record year for granting wishes," commented Regan Ludlow, Acting Director of Wishes for Children's Wish. "Virtually every month this year has seen a record number of children approved to receive their most heartfelt wish."

"We are very privileged to be able to have such a positive impact on the lives of the children we serve and their families," notes Children's Wish CEO, Chris Kotsopoulos, "and we look forward to continuing our tradition of never refusing a wish to an eligible child."

The cost of granting wishes to all children approved this year is expected to exceed \$11 million, placing greater importance on expanding the Foundation's engagement with volunteers and donors over the holiday season through such diverse avenues as The Catalogue of Wishes (catalogueofwishes.ca).

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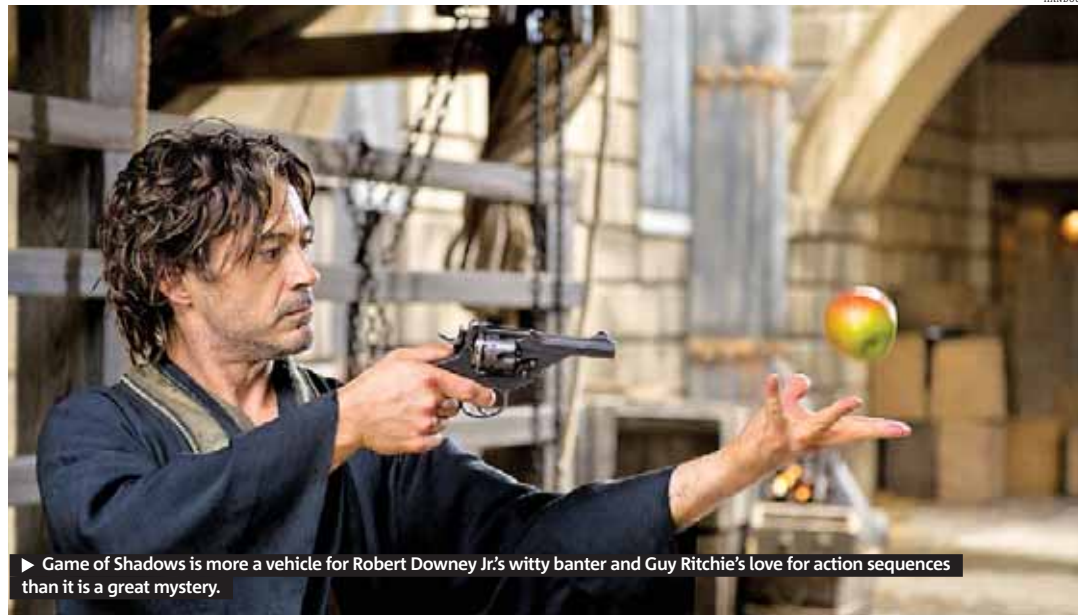
The puzzle at the heart of *Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows* begins with the death of the Crown Prince of Austria. Written off as a suicide, Holmes (Robert Downey Jr) deduces there is more to the story. Enter Watson (Jude Law), who should be on his honeymoon, a beautiful fortune-teller (Noomi Rapace, the original girl with the dragon tattoo), the evil Moriarty and more intrigue than you can shake a deer-stalker hat at. This week the game's afoot with Reel Guy Ned Ehrbar!

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●½
Ned: ●●●●

Reel Guys**RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN**

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► *Game of Shadows* is more a vehicle for Robert Downey Jr.'s witty banter and Guy Ritchie's love for action sequences than it is a great mystery.

Elementary plot

► *Game of Shadows* is light on the storyline, but heavy on action and witty banter

Richard: Ned, there is no question that RDJ and Law bring a certain joie de vivre to the usually staid portrayal of the great detective and his loyal sidekick. They look like they're having a ball, probably more fun than the audience, in fact. As enjoyable as it is to watch these two riff off one another it soon becomes clear the whole movie is nothing more than a vehicle for their banter.

Ned: The banter is delightful, there's no denying that. But when they're not sniping at each other, you start to notice the plot doesn't really measure up to a detective of Holmes' stature

— or offer any original ideas. Basically, if you don't want the movie spoiled for you, wipe the *League of Extraordinary Gentlemen* from your memory, as Moriarty's scheme is exactly the same in both movies. I'm assuming the filmmakers are banking on no one remembering that movie, though — which is a safe bet — but still.

RC: Agreed, if you can figure out the story. Confused and confusing, the plot zips along at such a rapid pace you'll barely know it doesn't make much sense because director Guy Ritchie fills the screen with wildly edited scenes anchored by

Downey's flamboyant performance. It looks cool and will make you laugh occasionally, but the quips and extravagantly edited sequences are only fun in the moment. They don't add up to much of a movie.

NE: Some of those cool-looking scenes can grate, as well. A little bit of the *Sherlock* slow-mo fight analysis goes a long way, but since it got such a good reaction in the first film, Ritchie lays on the bullet time a little thick here. One element that did work for me though was Jared Harris' Moriarty, a dangerously brilliant villain with a plausible cover story as a mild-

mannered professor. It's a shame he's not in the movie more, though.

RC: Harris has one seminal psycho moment — is there anything crazier than belting out an aria while torturing your nemesis? — but I didn't think Noomi Rapace, while eye catching as Sim, was given enough to do to be truly memorable.

NE: True, she doesn't get much to do besides react to the dynamic duo's chicanery and drop helpful reminders about the plot. And the less said about RJD on a pony, the better. Still, audiences could do a lot worse.

Scene in brief

Howard Stern will be joining the judges' panel on America's Got Talent, and the NBC summer talent show will uproot itself from Los Angeles to accommodate the New York-based shock jock, the network said Thursday. NBC confirmed weeks-old rumours of Stern's selection to join fellow Talent judges Howie Mandel and Sharon Osbourne.

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Tintin's character rings true for Bell

► Actor Jamie Bell talks about his childhood fascination with Hergé's detective ► Tintin a 'beacon of excellence'



**RICHARD
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Legend has it that when Steven Spielberg offered Jamie Bell the lead role in *The Adventures of Tintin*, the actor looked the Hollywood legend in the eye and said, "I'll have to think about it."

"What is true is that he said, 'If you were to be Tintin it would be about five years of your life. Are you comfortable with that?' To me, as a 16-year-old, five years was a really long time (he's 24 now). So I didn't want to be the naïve actor and say, 'OK, I'm fine with that. I wanted to really consider it. I don't even think I said I'd think about it, I just

didn't give a definitive answer.

"For me it was more important to be sitting down at a table with him. Just sharing a Hollywood meeting with him was awesome. To me, as a child, he was otherworldly. He was a Houdini character who made dinosaurs live and boys fly on bicycles."

Bell, who first won hearts as the lead in coming-of-age-dance movie *Billy Elliot*, says getting to make the movie with Spielberg has "remarkable synergy" because "Tintin was one of his favourite childhood things."

Originally, he simply enjoyed the characters, he says, but there was some-

thing special that set the stories about the young detective apart from other kid's comics.

"It was different from all the other cartoons. I felt respected, as a kid, by Tintin. That allowed me to gravitate toward him and go on his adventures.

"I was a very inquisitive kid," he says. "I used to watch a lot of political satire comedy shows. I'm sure I had no idea what they were talking about, but they were funny to me. Grown-ups making fun of other grown-ups was hilarious.

"So when I read Tintin and he was travelling around the world solving political corruption, I just



► The Adventures of Tintin channels the spirit of the beloved books.

knew what was going on."

The film grabs the spirit of the beloved books, bringing some of the intensity — and mild violence — of the original Hergé books to the screen.

"If Tintin wasn't the beacon of excellence that he is," says Bell, "if he wasn't the guy with the correct moral compass, if he wasn't so innocently earnest all the time, I think that could

be an issue.

"But because the character at the front is such a great, natural and instinctual heroic character, I think you kind of get away with it."

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Young Adult**Genre:** Comedy**Director:** Jason Reitman**Stars:** Charlize Theron, Patton Oswalt, Patrick Wilson

Oscar-winner Charlize Theron takes the cartoon route in this downbeat story of an alcoholic author who proves you can't go home again. Especially when you're an emotional wreck intent on stealing your high school sweetheart from his wife and newborn.

Diablo Cody's premise is interesting, but the filmmakers aim low. The film lacks subtlety and complexity and glorifies the bratty inner child, when the grown-up in question should be trying desperately to locate her inner adult. The humour is mild, juvenile and low-brow and veers into verboten territory as regional, sexist and somewhat homophobic. ● ANNE BRODIE

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chip-Wrecked****Genre:** Animation**Director:** Mike Mitchell**Stars:** Justin Long, Matthew Gray Gubler, Jesse McCartney

Maybe the first sign of getting old is no longer finding the voices of Alvin and his chipmunk brethren entertaining or even intelligible. The plot for their third theatrical outing gets underway after the recalcitrant rodents get separated from the Carnival cruise ship (ingenious product placement, that) and end up on that



evergreen cartoon trope, the deserted island where zany adventures are had and lessons are learned. Kids movies generally succeed by having something in them for the dragged-along parents as well,

but the only jokes to sail over kids' heads in Chip-Wrecked seem to make reference to Internet memes and popular YouTube videos, which just seems lazy more than anything.

● NED EHRRBAR

Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol**Genre:** Action**Director:** Brad Bird**Stars:** Tom Cruise, Simon Pegg

In the fourth Mission Impossible thriller, Tom Cruise and his rogue team of spies must clear their name after it's framed for a terrorist plot against the Kremlin. It's a simple, underplayed plotline but an impressive vehicle for huge action sequences that include Cruise hanging off the Burj Khalifa in Dubai — even more stunning in IMAX. While the villain is bland and the supporting characters a bit thin, Ghost Protocol's intensity and pace returns Cruise to form as one of cinema's more thrilling spies. ● STEVE GOW

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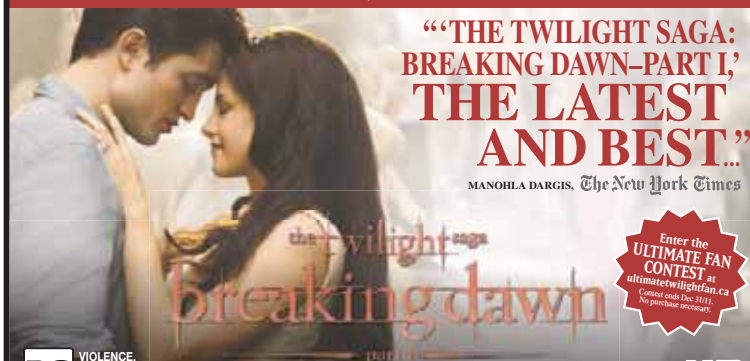
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Rape. Murder. Freezing cold weather. Happy holidays from the team behind *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, the latest adaptation of Stieg Larsson's international bestseller.

The book — about a journalist (Daniel Craig) who investigates a dysfunctional family's murder mystery, with help from anti-social hacker Lisbeth Salander (Rooney Mara) — has already spawned a successful Swedish film trilogy.

For Craig and Mara, it was a chance to work closely with director David Fincher. Mara appeared in his *The Social Network*. *Tattoo* is generating similar Oscar buzz, but it's not without its share of controversy and critics, thanks to some startlingly frank and sexual subject matter.

The set was lighthearted, though. As were the two actors at our chat....

DANIEL CRAIG

Now that you've played a journalist, do you have any more sympathy for journalists?

I've always loved journalists. I don't know where the story's come from, that I have a problem with journalists. I have a problem with intrusion — that's something different completely. But some of my heroes are journalists.



DANIEL CRAIG AND ROONEY MARA

► In exclusive one-on-ones, Metro interviewed the stars of this season's most anticipated film, asking what they think of one another, the book's dark tone and Bond, James Bond.

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO Q+A

What's a merkin?

What's the one part of Lisbeth that's depicted in the movie that might get overlooked, a detail that you hope people catch? I can't think of a serious answer to that question, but I can think of a ridiculous answer to that question.

Ridiculous answers work, too.

Well, her merkin. There was a lot of discussion that went into my merkin for the movie, because I was naked quite a lot. And I don't think a lot of people will notice all of the attention that went into that. But there was a lot of discussions around that.

What sort of discussions are we talking about?

Well, you know, in the book she's meant to have strawberry-blonde hair originally and she dyes it, so we had a special merkin made that was, you know, strawberry-blonde so that it would fit.

when a female character is presented as strong and is in any way sexualized, some people dismiss it as exploitative or misogynistic?

I don't know, because people are stupid? (laughs) I don't know, that's true. I don't know why.

Because I think it scares people. Things that people aren't used to seeing or experiencing scares them. The thing that's so interesting about this character is that she has these two different sides. She's perfectly capable of taking care of herself, but at the same time she's vulnerable and put in these horrible positions.

She's wise beyond her years and incredibly bright, but at the same time she's emotionally stunted at 12 years old and is naive and doesn't have a lot of experience with other people. So I think that's what makes her so interesting, that she has these opposing sides. She's been sexually abused, but at the same time she's very sexual.

Tattoo has Oscar buzz, but do you worry that the roughness might scare off some voters?

Oh look, I can't think about all that. It's such a crazy period. If it offends a few people, good. I hope it does.

ROONEY MARA

Lisbeth is an iconic character, with piercings and a punk look. How collaborative was David Fincher with you regarding the look?

There were a lot of discussions about the character — about the way she looks, about the way she walks, about the way she talks, about her eye contact, about her mannerisms. But at the end of the day, you know, obviously I'm the person playing the character so he did give me a lot of freedom in that. There was always a lot of talking and a lot of collaboration.

Why do you think it is that

The opening credits made me think what a David Fincher Bond film might look like.

I could see him applying it to anything, really. I'd love to work with him again, and I'd do anything for him. David has a very happy set most of the time — as much as a set can ever be happy when you're filming very dramatic scenes.

There was some financial trouble with the Bond franchise over the last couple of years, but that made it possible for you to do this film.

That's true, it did, yes. I always knew it was going to work itself out. But I'd also kind of said to myself, if it doesn't work out somebody else is going to do it. That's the way it is. Bond will be fine, he'll keep going.

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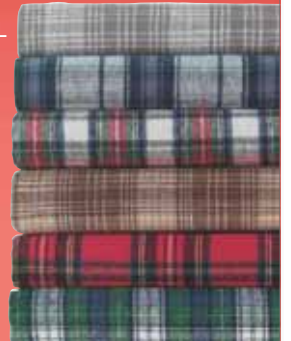
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Hugo (G) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
 Wed 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:30
The Muppets (G) Fri 7:30-9:35 Sat-Tue 1:15-4:7-9:35
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:40 No
 Passes Sat-Tue 12:35-3:50-6:40-9:40 No Passes Wed
 1:05-4:05-6:50-10:20
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows
 (PG) No Passes Fri 6:50-7:15-9:50-10:15 No Passes Sat-Mon
 12:40-3:40-6:50-7:15-9:50-10:15 No Passes Tue
 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:50 No Passes Wed 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:55
Young Adult (PG) Fri 7:30-10 Sat-Tue 12:50-4:25-7:30-10 Wed 1:10-4:30-7:30-9:50

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
 (STC) No Passes Fri 7:20-9:30 No Passes Sat-Tue 12:45-2:55-5:10-7:20-9:30 No Passes Wed 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:20-9:40 No Passes Thu 3:10-5:20-7:30-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Mon No Passes Thu 1
Arthur Christmas (G) Sat-Tue 1:40 Wed-Thu 1:10

Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Mon
 4:20-7:20 Tue 4:20-6:40-9:20 Wed-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:20
The Descendants (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat 4:10-6:50-9:40 Sun-Tue 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:40 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:40-7:10-9:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni - Encore (STC) Sat 9:55
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol
 (PG) No Passes Tue 7:7-15-10-10:15 No Passes Wed 12:30-3:40-6:30-7:30-9:30-10 No Passes Thu 12:30-12:55-3:40-6:30-7:30-9:30-10
Puss in Boots 3D (G) Fri 6:40-9:15 Sat-Mon 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:15 Tue 1:10-3:50
The Sitter (14A) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Tue 1:30-3:40-6:30-9:10 Wed 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:10 Thu 4:10-6:50-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Mon 1:4-7:10-9:45 Tue 1-4

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The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) No Passes
 Wed-Thu 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:25-10:20
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
 (STC) No Passes Fri 11:15-11:45-1:30-2:15-4:45-6:30-7:15-9:45 No Passes Sat 11:15-11:45-1:30-2:30-4:45-6:30-7:15-9:45 No Passes Sun-Thu 11:15-11:45-1:30-2:15-4:45-6:30-7:15-9:45
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 11:05-1:45-4:30-7:10-9:50
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri-Tue 11:45-4:30-7:10-9:50
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Tue 12:35-3:40-7:9:55 Wed-Thu 12:35-3:40-6:55-9:55
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) No
 Passes Tue 7:10-30 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:30-3:15-7:10-30 No Passes Thu 7:15-10:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:25-4:30-10:40
Happy Feet Two (G) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:30
Happy Feet Two 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:25-2:10-4:55-7:30-10:10
Hugo 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:20-10:25
Immortals (18A) Wed-Thu 1:25-4:35-7:35-10:35
Immortals 3D (18A) Fri-Tue 1:25-4:35-7:35-10:35
Magic to Win (PG) Fri-Tue 6:55-9:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni

Encore (STC) Sat 9:55

Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol
 (PG) No Passes Tue 7:15-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:05-10:35

Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri 11:2-5-8:11 No Passes Sat 2:5-8:11 No Passes Sun-Thu 11:2-5-8:11

The Muppets (G) Fri-Sat 11:10-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:20 Sun 11:10-1:55-7:25-10:20 Mon-Thu 11:10-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:20
My Week With Marilyn (PG) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:50-6:40-9:30 Sun 12:40-3:50-10:15 Mon 12:40-3:50-6:40-9:30 Tue 12:40-3:50
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:30 Wed-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:25
The Nutcracker - Bolshoi Ballet Encore
 (STC) Sun 1 Mon 6:30

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows
 (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:30-12:3-3:45-6:45-7:30-10:15-10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-3:4-6:45-7:30-10:15-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening No Passes Thu 1

The Sitter (14A) Fri-Tue 11:40-2:05-4:50-7:40-10 Wed-Thu 11:40-2:05-4:50-7:40-10:05
Tower Heist (PG) Fri 1:35-5:50-10:05 Sat 3:55-6:50-10:05 Sun 1:35-5:50-10:05 Mon 1:35-5:50-10:05 Tue 1:35-5

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:20-6:35-9:35

A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A)
 Fri-Sat 11:55-2:25-5:10-7:55-10:50 Sun 5:10-7:55-10:50 Mon 11:55-2:25-5:10-7:55-10:50 Tue 11:55-2:25-4:50
WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders & Chairs - 2011 (STC) Sun 5

Young Adult (PG) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:30-5:05-7:45-10:40 Mon 11:50-2:30-7:45-10:40 Tue-Wed 11:50-2:30-5:05-7:45-10:40 Thu 5:05-7:45-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
 (STC) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:45-4:50-6:45-8:35
Arthur Christmas (G) Fri-Tue 1:3-5:7
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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Sun 10:55-12:10-1:10-2:30-3:30-4:50-5:50-8:15-10:35 Mon 1:10-2:30-3:30-4:50-5:50-8:15-10:35 Tue 1:10-2:30-3:30-4:50-8:15-10:35 Wed-Thu 1:10-3:30-5:50-8:15-10:35**Arthur Christmas** (G) Fri-Sun 11:35 Mon-Tue 2:10 Wed-Thu 2:10-4:45/7:25**Arthur Christmas 3D** (G) Fri-Sat 2:10-4:45/7:25-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45/7:25**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18A) Tue 7:30-10:55 Wed-Thu 12:50-4:30-10:55**Happy Feet Two 3D** (G) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:15 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:40/7:15**Hugo 3D** (G) Fri-Sun 11:25-8:10-4:5 Mon-Thu 2:5-8:10-4:5**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:25-8:05-11:10 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:30**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:25-2:10-5:7-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:10-5:7-10:40**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Fri 10:55-1:45-4:45/7:10-7:45-10:10-10:50 Sat 1:45-4:45/7:10-7:45-10:10-10:50 Sun 10:55-1:45-4:45/7:10-7:45-10:10-10:50 Mon-Tue 1:45-4:45/7:10-7:45-10:10-10:50 Wed-Thu 1:45-4:45/7:10-7:45-10:10-10:50**The Sitter** (14A) Fri-Sun 11:20-1:30-3:45-6:8-15-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:45-6:8-15-10:30**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri-Sat 11:05-1:50-4:40/7:30-10:20 Sun 11:05-1:50/7:10-10:20 Mon 1:50-4:40/7:30-10:20 Tue 1:50-4:40 Wed-Thu 10**A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (18A) Fri-Thu 9:50**WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders & Chairs - 2011** (STC) Sun 5**STATION SQUARE**

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Immortals (18A) Fri 4:25/7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25/7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:25/7:10-9:50**J. Edgar** (PG) Fri 4:10/7:05-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:55**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri 4:35/7:20-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:35/7:20-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:35/7:20-9:35**The Muppets** (G) Fri 4:20-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:55-9:30**Tower Heist** (PG) Fri 4:30/7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30/7:15-9:45

4:30/7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:30/7:15-9:45

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 4:15/7:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15/7:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:15/7:40**A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas** (18A) Fri 4:40/7:25-10 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:40/7:25-10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-10**NEW WEST/COQUITLAM****SILVERCITY COQUITLAM**

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The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Wed-Thu 1:30-5:00-9:35**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (STC) Fri-Mon 12:45-1:15-3:30-5:15-5:45/7:30-8:9:45-10:15 Tue 12:1-15:2-15:30-4:30-5:45-6:50-8:9:10-15 Wed-Thu 12:12-30-2:15-2:45-4:30-5:7-15-9:30**Arthur Christmas** (G) Fri-Sat 1:40 Mon-Tue 1:40 Wed-Thu 12:35**Arthur Christmas 3D** (G) Fri-Thu 4:10-6:45-9:10 Wed-Thu 3:50/7:50-10:15**The Descendants** (PG) Fri-Mon 1:05-4:25/7:35-10:25**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18A) Tue 7:30-10:55 Wed-Thu 12:30-4:6-45/7:30-10:10-10:55 Tue 8:45 Wed-Thu 11:55-8:45**Happy Feet Two** (G) Wed-Thu 1:35-4:30/7:25-10:05**Happy Feet Two 3D** (G) Fri 7:25-10:05 Sat-Mon 1:35-4:30/7:25-10:05 Tue 1:35-4:15**Hugo** (G) Mon 6:50-10 Tue 12:15-3:45**Hugo 3D** (G) Fri 12:50-3:55/7:50 Sat 12:50-3:55/7:55 Sun 12:50-3:55-9:55 Mon 12:50-3:55/7:55 Tue 12:50-3:55 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:55/7:55**Immortals** (18A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:20/7:40-10:20 Tue 1:25-4:20/7:40-10:20**The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni - Encore** (STC) Sat 9:55**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Tue 7:7-45-9:55-10:40 Wed-Thu 12:05-12:45-3:20-6:40/7:15-9:45-10:15 Tue 8 Wed-Thu 12:15-3:45-6:50-10**The Muppets** (G) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat 1:20-4:05-6:45-9:15 Sun 1:20-6:45-9:15 Mon 1:20-4:05-6:45-9:15 Tue 1:20-4:05**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri-Tue 12:55-4:55-9:50 Wed 4:55-9:50 Thu 12:55-4:55-9:50 Mon 6:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:30 Star & Strollers

Screening Wed 1

The Nutcracker - Bolshoi Ballet Encore (STC) Sun 1 Mon 6:30**Punch** (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:45-6:40-9:25 Tue 1:10-3:45-6:40-9:25**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Fri 7:30-10:30 Sat-Mon 1:30-4:30/7:30-10:30 Tue-Thu 1:15-4:15/7:30-10:30 Fri-Mon 1:4-7:10 Tue-Thu 1:1-30-4:4-30/7:10-7:40-10:15-10:45 Mon 7:10-7:40-10:15-10:45 Tue-Thu 12:40-3:45/7:10**The Sitter** (14A) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat 2:50-5:7-10-9:20 Sun 2:57-10-9:20 Mon-Tue 2:4-20/7:10-9:20 Wed-Thu 2:57-10-9:20**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:05-6:50-9:35 Mon 1:15-4:05-9:35 Tue 1:15-4:05-6:50-9:35 Wed-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:40 Mon 6:15-9:45 Tue 12:30-3:15**WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders & Chairs - 2011** (STC) Sun 5**Young Adult** (PG) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:15/7:05-9:40 Wed 4:15/7:05-9:40 Thu 1:45-4:15/7:05-9:40 Star & Strollers

Screening Wed 1

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri 7:Sat-Thu 1:30-3:45/7**The Polar Express** (G) Fri 4**HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA**

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Immortals (18A) Fri-Thu 8:45**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:30-4:30-6:30**Johnny English Reborn** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:50**Puss in Boots** (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:45-4:45-6:45**Real Steel** (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-6:50**Tower Heist** (PG) Fri-Thu 8:30**A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas** (18A) Fri-Thu 8:45**STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE**

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The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Wed-Thu 12:240-5:20-8:10-40**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (STC) Fri-Tue 1:10-2:30-3:30-4:50-5:50-8:15-10:35

Wed 12:10-2:30-3:25-4:50-5:50-8:15-10:35 Thu 12:10-1:10-2:30-3:25-4:50-5:50-8:15-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Arthur Christmas (G) Fri 2:35 Sat-Tue 12 Wed-Thu 12:05**Arthur Christmas 3D** (G) Fri 5:7-30-10 Sat 2:35-5:7-30-10 Sun 2:35-5:10 Mon 2:35-5:7-30-10 Tue 2:35-5:7-30-10 Wed-Thu 2:35-5:05/7:35-10**Desi Boyz** (STC) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:20/7:10-10:15 Sun 1:20/7:15-10:15 Mon 1:20-4:20/7:10-10:15 Tue 1:20-4:20**The Dirty Picture** (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-4:05/7:20-10:35 Wed-Thu 12:50-4:05/7:15-10:25**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18A) Tue 7:10-30 Wed-Thu 12:20-3:50-7:20-10:50**Happy Feet Two 3D** (G) Fri 2:40-5:10/7:55-10:45 Sat-Tue 12:10-2:40-5:10/7:55-10:45**Hugo 3D** (G) Fri-Mon 1:15-4:15/7:25-10:20 Tue 1:15-4:15**Ladies vs. Ricky Bahl** (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:50/7:10-10 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:40/7:10-10:20**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Tue 7:30-8:10-35-11 Wed-Thu 12:15-1:20-3:30-4:30/7:7-40-10-10-10:55**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-5:7-10-10:40**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:45/7:05-7:45-10:05-10:50 Wed 4:45/7:05-7:45-10:05-10:45 Thu 1:45-4:45/7:05-7:45-10:05-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1**The Sitter** (14A) Fri-Mon 1:30-3:45-6:8-10-10:30 Tue 1:30-3:45-6:8-10-10:20 Wed-Thu 1:30-3:45-6:8-10-10:30**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri-Mon 2:40-7:40-10:25 Tue 2:40**WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders & Chairs - 2011** (STC) Sun 5**STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD**

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The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Wed-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:15-9**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (STC) Fri 4:45/7:9-15, Sat-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:9-15**Arthur Christmas** (G) Sat-Thu 1:05**Arthur Christmas 3D** (G) Fri-Thu 4:7-10-9:35**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18A) Tue 8, Wed-Thu 1:4-30-8**Happy Feet Two** (G) Sat-Tue 12:25, Wed-Thu 12:25/3:05-6:20-9:10**Happy Feet Two 3D** (G) Fri-Tue 3:05-6:20-9:10**Hugo** (G) Fri 4:05, Sat-Thu 12:55-4:05**Hugo 3D** (G) Fri 3:15-6:30-9:45, Sat-Thu 12:3-15-6:30-9:45**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri 3:30-6:15-9, Sat-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:15-9**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Tue 7:20-10:20, Wed-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:20**The Muppets** (G) Fri 4:15/7:20-10:20, Sat-Tue 1:15-4:15/7:20-10:20**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri 4:35/7:35-10:30, Sat-Sun 1:25-4:35/7:35-10:30, Mon-Thu 1:25-4:35-7:35-10:30**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Fri 3:45-6:45-10, Sat-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-10**The Sitter** (14A) Fri 4:25/7:40-9:50, Sat-Thu 1:30-4:25/7:40-9:50**Tower Heist** (PG) Fri-Mon 7:30-10:10, Wed-Thu 7:30-10:10**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri 3:6-25-9:25, Sat-Thu 12:05-3:6-25-9:25**A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (18A) Fri 4:30-8:10-25, Sat-Mon 1:4-30-8:10-25, Tue 1:4-30**RIALTO**

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The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Wed-Thu 7:30**Hugo** (G) Fri 7:9-15 Sat-Sun 2:7-9-15 Mon-Tue 7:9-15**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:20**CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK**

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri 7:20-9:05 Sat-Thu 2:20-7:20-9:05**Arthur Christmas** (G) Sat-Tue 2**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Wed-Thu 2:7-9:35**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Thu 2:10/7:10-9:40**The Sitter** (14A) Fri 7:30-9:10 Sat-Thu 2:30/7:30-9:10**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri-Tue 7:9-35**COLOSSUS LANGLEY**

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With a week to go, what do you get the music fan on your list?

Here's what I'm hoping to find under the tree. Not that I'm hinting or anything...

Bob Marley headphones
Everyone from Dr. Dre on down seems to get into the celebrity-endorsed headphone game. The new Positive Vibration headphones from the House of Marley sound good and are reasonably priced. They also come in a variety of colour schemes including Rasta. (thehouseofmarley.com)

Deluxe edition of The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo Soundtrack
Yes, there is life beyond Nine Inch Nails. After winning an Oscar for the soundtrack for The Social Network, Trent Reznor and partner Atticus Ross wrote the

music for the Hollywood version of Stieg Larsson's best-selling novel. You can spend as little as \$12 for a download or \$300 for this deluxe edition featuring CDs, vinyl and autographs in an ornate box. Yes, I said \$300. (nullco.com/GDT/)

Electronic Rock Guitar Shirt
It looks like a regular T-shirt with a guitar on the front.

The difference is that you can actually play this guitar. Each button on the neck corresponds to a major chord so anyone can play it. It even comes with an amp that you clip to your belt. Endless fun for about \$20. (thinkgeek.com)

Giant Boombox Dock for iPod/iPhone
Remember the '80s when everyone carried around cassette players the size of suitcases that weighed as much as a small child? Now you can relive those backaches with an i-dock that needs 6D batteries. And it's just \$200. (ihomeaudio.com/iP4ZC)

Ramones Throbblesheads
They're just like bobbleheads except cooler. Start with the Ramones and

move on to other figures from the golden age of punk. You can't go wrong for \$11 each. (aggronautix.com)

Drummer T-Shirts
If you don't count all those accordion lessons I took as a kid, my instrument is the drums.

A site called Drumbum offers all kinds of gifts for drummers and other musicians. I'm hoping for the More Cowbell T-shirt. And just \$20, too. (store.drumbum.com)

Pod Power
If you're into music, chances are you have all kinds of electronic gear with those this bulky power bricks that are tough to plug into standard power strips. Why did it take so long to invent something as simple and as useful as this? For \$35, I'll take half a dozen. (quirky.com)

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Golden Globe winners, losers

► With nominations announced Thursday, *The Artist* earned the most at six ► Here's who looks good and who doesn't



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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Awards season officially kicks off with the nominations for the 2012 Golden Globes, and as usual the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) didn't disappoint by both focusing the Oscar race and throwing in a few head-scratchers. Here's the breakdown.

BIGGEST WINNERS

Woody Allen should be smiling. Long a favourite of the HFPA, the director's latest film, *Midnight in Paris*, gets an impressive awards-season boost thanks to its four Globe nods, including both screenplay and directing for Allen.

And between his acting in *The Descendants* and directing in *The Ides of March*, George Clooney will have plenty of reasons to show up.

Ryan Gosling is certainly enjoying his nominations in both Best Actor categories.

As far as sheer numbers, silent film *The Artist* — an Oscar front-runner since making a splash at Cannes — had the most nominations at six, but *The Help* and *The Descendants* are close behind at five.

Usual awards heavyweights the Weinstein Company and HBO lead the film and TV packs with 12 and 18 nominations, respectively.

British series *Downton Abbey*, which airs in the U.S. as part of Masterpiece Theater, received the most



► Presenters Gerard Butler, left, and Rashida Jones share a laugh before they announced Golden Globe Awards nominations on Thursday.

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calendar

The Golden Globe Awards will be handed out live on Jan. 15 in Los Angeles.

TV nominations, with four.

BIGGEST SNUBS

The most glaring omission to awards watchers is Stephen Spielberg. Even though his two films, *War Horse* and *The Adventures of Tintin*, are nominated, he was edged out of the directing category.

David Fincher might be feeling overlooked as well, as his *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* only pulled in nominations for Trent Reznor's score and Rooney Mara's performance.

Also, not a single nomination for British spy thriller *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*.

And on the TV side, fans

were hoping critical darling *Community* could pick up some Comedy nominations to help its fight against impending cancellation, but the series was completely overlooked.

BIGGEST SURPRISES

Many had believed Disney would run *The Help* on the Musical or Comedy side for the Globes, giving the popular hit an easier chance at picking up some trophies, but its inclusion in Drama means presumed Oscar front-runners Viola Davis and Meryl Streep (for *The Iron Lady*) are going head-to-head earlier than expected.

In TV, the biggest shock has to be the HFPA's apparent love of Ryan Murphy. While a Best Series — Musical or Comedy nod for *Glee* isn't surprising, the organization apparently flipped for his new less-than-acclaimed horror series, *American Horror Story*, giving it mentions for Best Se-

ries, Drama and Best Supporting Actress for Jessica Lange.

BIGGEST REASON TO WATCH
Aside from the showdown



► Steven Spielberg's film *War Horse* was nominated for Best Motion Picture Drama.

between Streep and Davis, the other big reason to watch is to see what Ricky Gervais does to make the HFPA regret inviting him back as host.

The organization is notorious for its love of celebrities, so, not so surprising are nominations for

Clooney, Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie — her *In the Land of Blood and Honey* is up for Best Foreign Language Film.

If Johnny Depp shows up to support Best Animated Feature nominee *Rango*, they'll have done their job.



► Disney's *The Help* was nominated for Best Motion Picture Drama.

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Eastwood doing reality TV? Please say it ain't so

► Actor's family set to star in show produced by makers of Kardashian series

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The news that Clint Eastwood and his family are making a reality TV show is making me feel all Dirty Harry on the inside.

Yes, TMZ.com is reporting that Eastwood's wife and two daughters are shooting a new reality show that will explore what it's like to be "Hollywood royalty" for the E! Network (editor's note: All reality TV shows are about this. Change it up, people).

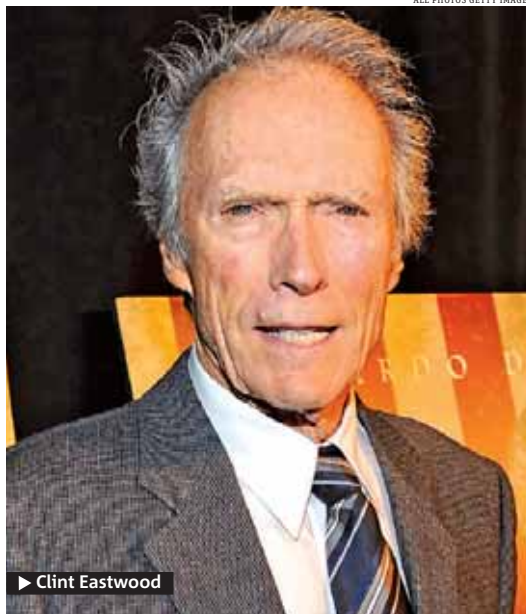
Per TMZ, it will focus on the relationship between Clint's wife Dina Eastwood,

their daughter Morgan and Clint's 18-year-old daughter Francesca. It is being produced by the same company that is also responsible for the Kardashian shows.

Honestly, folks, let's just give up. Because if Clint, 81, succumbs to the siren call of reality TV, there is no hope for the rest of it.

It's because he and his family are "Hollywood royalty" that they don't have to sink to this, even if the focus is going to be on Francesca, an aspiring actress (second note: If your dad is Clint Eastwood and you need to have a reality TV show to gain traction, you must be a terrible actress).

Come on, Clint. You starred in Gran Torino — please don't go down with-out a fight.



► Clint Eastwood

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Suri Cruise rakes it in for Christmas

Suri Cruise doesn't skimp when it comes to asking for things from Santa.

Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' daughter reportedly has a Christmas list of

items that total \$130,000, according to In Touch Weekly.

Topping the 5-year-old's list are a pony, diamond earrings and gowns that

will make her look "like a fairy princess," according to the magazine. And Cruise has reportedly already found a stable in Beverly Hills for the pony. "Tom

and Katie love the holidays and always go overboard," a source says.

"Suri is very mature and knows what she wants."

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Celebrity tweets



Trivia: In the Jerk, after we sing "Tonight, You Belong to Me," when I stand up you can hear a crack as I step on the ukulele.



@SteveMartinToGo

@BettyBuckley

My absolutely "nothing" day! Ahhhh. But maybe I'll start the Michael Connelly book. I am so excited about all the new movies comin' out!



@pennjillette



I don't ever touch my hair unless I'm going on stage. I don't look in mirrors. This is the way I look. I'll try to remember to smile

@SethMacFarlane



I wonder what President the corporations are gonna buy us next year!

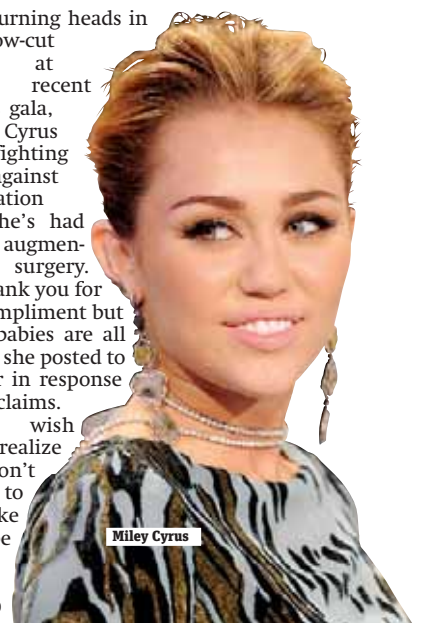
Miley Cyrus says her twins are real

After turning heads in a low-cut dress at CNN's recent Heroes gala, Miley Cyrus is fighting back against speculation that she's had breast augmentation surgery.

"Thank you for the compliment but these babies are all mine," she posted to Twitter in response to the claims.

"I wish they'd realize you don't have to be fake to be beautiful."

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Miley Cyrus

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When I was a young wine expert in training, there was no Internet. If you wanted to learn anything about anything, you had to look it up in a book.

Back in the day there wasn't a wine scribe more famous than Hugh Johnson — a gregarious Brit with a casual way of delivery on vino that paved the way for today's first person blogger culture.

Johnson is still writing up a storm with his Pocket Wine Book 2012 (Mitchell Beazley, \$16.99), the undisputed bible for any wine lover on the go. Ever the literary entrepreneur, this year he's created a Wine Journal (Mitchell Beazley, \$17.99) that will allow vinophiles to write their own reviews and keep track of what they're putting in their mouths.

The journal would make a great Christmas gift, especially when paired with a wine worth writing about. France's Père Anselme La Fiole du Pape Châteauneuf-du-Pape (\$35.49 - \$39.50) is a non-vintage blend of up to 13 grapes with a rustic, dark fruited personality perfect for holiday drinking.

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Get sweet on Hanukkah

► Bake up some delicious treats inspired by the upcoming Jewish holiday

Preparation:

- 1 In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside. In small saucepan over medium, heat milk until steaming. Remove pan from heat and add buttermilk. Pour mix into bowl of stand mixer fitted with dough hook. Whisk in yeast and sugar. Let stand 5 mins.
- 2 Coat large bowl with vegetable oil; set aside.
- 3 Add flour mix to milk mix and mix on low until dry ingredients are moistened and form ball, about 3 mins. Increase speed to medium and continue mixing 2 mins. Dough will be quite sticky. Transfer dough to prepared bowl, cover with plastic wrap and set aside in a draft-free spot. Let rise until doubled in size, about 1 hour.
- 4 Fill deep sauté pan with 7.5 cm (3 inches) of oil. Heat over medium to 190 C (375 F). Line large



Buttermilk Sufganiyot

► This recipe makes 24 large or 48 small Sufganiyot.

plate with paper towels.

- 5 Lightly flour clean work surface. Turn dough out

onto surface. Dust top of dough with flour, press to flatten. Fold dough in half and tuck ends under to create a ball. Dust with flour again and use rolling pin to roll dough into roughly a 28-by-43-cm (11-by-17-inch) rectangle about 5 mm (1/4 inch) thick.

Fillings

To fill the Sufganiyot, use either a syringe-like pastry filling tool or slice open one side with a paring knife and use a spoon.

- A few slices of fresh banana and a generous spoonful of hot fudge.
- Ricotta cheese mixed with chopped walnuts, golden raisins and a drizzle of honey.
- Cream cheese topped with some chunky strawberry jam.
- A chocolate-nut spread (such as Nutella), topped with chopped peanuts and marshmallow spread.

- 6 Using sharp knife, cut dough lengthwise into 4 equal strips, then cut horizontally, at angle, to create 24 or 48 diamond-shaped pieces.

- 7 Working in batches, carefully drop pieces of dough into hot oil, being careful not to crowd pan. Fry, turning often with slotted spoon, until puffed and golden, 2 mins. Transfer to plate to drain while frying remaining Sufganiyot. Fill or top as desired. Serve warm, dusted with powdered sugar.

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Sufganiyot tips



- Be patient and give the yeast dough plenty of time to rise, wrapped in plastic in the refrigerator.

- If you want to be really traditional, use extra-virgin olive oil for frying.

- Use a frying thermometer to monitor the oil temperature. Cool oil will give you greasy results.

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Drink and be merry

► Mocktails are a tasty alternative to alcoholic drinks

Royal Sparkling Apple

Look for real apple juice or cider for a crisp apple flavour.

Preparation:

- 1 Pour cold apple juice in a champagne flute then top it with water.

Magic Bubble Candy Floss

Look for candy floss in

boxes or bags in candy or bulk stores.

Preparation:

- 1 Put candy floss directly in serving glass. Present to guest and let him or her



► Magic Bubble Candy Floss



► Royal Sparkling Apple

Shopping List:

- Royal Sparkling Apple
- 1.5 oz apple juice, chilled

- 3.5 oz carbonated water
- Thin slice of fresh apple
- Magic Bubble Candy Floss
- Enough candy floss to fill a

- 12 oz serving glass (strawberry suits this cocktail best)
- 11 oz sparkling mineral water

pour water into glass. Watch as candy floss melts, turns pink and flavour spreads through bubbles.

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COREY CHAMBLIN, WHO WAS ANNOUNCED AS THE SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS' NEW HEAD COACH ON THURSDAY WHILE WEARING THE TEAM'S LOGO ON HIS TIE.



► Vancouver goalie Cory Schneider eyes the puck as Kevin Bieksa, left, and Carolina's Patrick Dwyer fight for position.

Hurricanes storm back to stun Canucks

► Vancouver surrenders 2-goal lead to lowly Carolina ► 'We had quite a few quality chances to put that game away, and we didn't,' Vigneault says

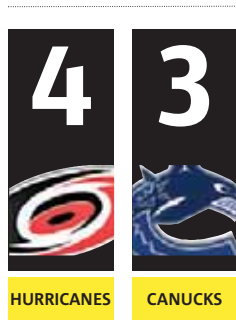
Drayson Bowman needed less than five minutes to double his career goal total. That bit of timely scoring helped give Kirk Muller his first coaching victory on home ice, and — for a while, at least — lifted the Carolina Hurricanes out of last place in the East.

Bowman scored two goals to lead Carolina past the Vancouver Canucks, 4-3 on Thursday night.

Tuomo Ruutu added a deflected goal and an assist, and Jaroslav Spacek scored his first goal since being acquired by the Hurricanes, who scored four straight to rally from a 2-0 deficit.

Alex Burrows and Mason Raymond each had a goal and an assist, Kevin Bieksa also scored, Cory Schneider stopped 37 shots, and Henrik Sedin had two assists to reach 700 career points for the Canucks, who entered 9-1-1 in their previous 11.

"We weren't able to bury



some Grade-A scoring chances, made a couple of mistakes, and all of a sudden we're in penalty trouble and the score's 4-2," coach Alain Vigneault said. "And it's really tough to come back in this league — especially against a world-class goaltender."

Cam Ward made 33 saves for Carolina, who scored three times in a 4:45 stretch that spanned the second intermission and began and ended with Bow-

Hawks' Bolland backtracks

Dave Bolland is looking to put an end to his war of words with the Canucks.

- The Blackhawks forward attempted to distance himself from his quip about the Sedin "sisters" following a win in Minnesota on Wednesday night.
- "I have the utmost respect

man's third and fourth career goals.

"We talked about going out there and trying to make it happen," Ward said. "We didn't sit back in the third period ... and showed that we were going to go for it."

Bowman, who was recalled from the minors three days earlier, finished with the second two-goal game of his brief career.

for the Sedin twins, Alain Vigneault and all the Vancouver Canucks," Bolland told reporters.

- Bolland drew the ire of the Canucks on Monday when he referred to Daniel and Henrik Sedin as "sisters" in a live radio interview where fans ask questions.
- He also said the Sedins wouldn't be welcome on his team and that there are a lot of "weirdos" in the city of Vancouver.

"Coming up from Charlotte, that's just what you hope to do — come in and bring whatever you can," Bowman said. "If it's two goals, it's great."

The Canucks were missing Daniel Sedin, out with what Vigneault said were back spasms. The Canucks coach said it was too early to tell whether he would play Saturday in Toronto.

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Pronger done for season

The Philadelphia Flyers say captain Chris Pronger will miss the rest of the season with "severe post-concussion syndrome."

The decision was made after the 37-year-old was examined in Pittsburgh by doctors John Maroon and Mickey Collins, who also treated Penguins star Sidney Crosby.

"Chris will continue to receive treatments and therapy with the hope that he can get better," Flyers general manager Paul Holmgren said in a release Thursday.

Pronger has missed the Flyers' last 11 games since coming down with what the team first described as a virus and later changed to post-concussion symptoms.

The bruising defenceman also took a stick in the eye from Toronto's Mikhail Grabovski in late October that resulted in facial trauma and caused him to miss six games.

Pronger has one goal and 11 assists in 13 games this season.

The Dryden, Ont., native, who won gold medals with Canada at the 2002 and 2010 Olympics, signed a seven-year contract with the Flyers in 2009.

He also won the Stanley Cup with the Anaheim Ducks in 2007.

He has 157 goals and 541 assists in 1,167 career regular-season games in 18 seasons with Hartford, St. Louis, Edmonton, Anaheim and Philadelphia.

Pronger joins a long list of NHL players suffering from concussions or concussion-like symptoms this season. Crosby returned to action last month for the first time since early January, but has since suffered a setback.

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► Chris Paul holds up his jersey at a press conference.

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Paul reports to Clippers

Chris Paul is already getting to work with the Los Angeles Clippers. The four-time all-star point guard reported to the Clippers' training complex on Thursday, meeting his new teammates and even getting on the court during practice in his new white No. 3 jersey.

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Caps add midfielder

Team picks up Lee Nguyen through league's weighted lottery

The Vancouver Whitecaps acquired attacking midfielder Lee Nguyen on Thursday through Major League Soccer's weighted lottery.

The 25-year-old from McKinney, Texas, signed a multi-year contract with MLS on Dec. 6, making him eligible to be picked up by Vancouver.

"The position that he primarily plays on the right flank is one that we have a shortage of players in," Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi told The Canadian Press during an interview Thursday. "When the lottery for him became available, we were very keen to try to access him. So we feel like it's a bonus for us. He's not a player that we had counted on."

Nguyen was entered into the weighted lottery af-

ter he had turned down a MLS contract when he was in college. The midfielder played a season of NCAA Division I soccer with Indiana University as a freshman before joining Holland's PSV Eindhoven for the 2005-06 season.

By going to Europe he bypassed the MLS draft, but he was not a free agent upon his return to North America and still required to go through a selection process.

"We're very excited to add a talented player like Lee," said Whitecaps head coach Martin Rennie in a statement. "He's a young player with a bright future."

"We look forward to seeing him in pre-season."

The Whitecaps were one of six MLS clubs to participate in Thursday's draw for Nguyen.

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Bear faces drug charges

Chicago Bears wide receiver Sam Hurd was locked up in federal cus-

tody Thursday as his stunned teammates learned he had been charged with trying to set up a drug-dealing network following his arrest with more than a pound of cocaine.

U.S. Magistrate Young Kim ordered Hurd held until at least Friday while prosecutors and defence

attorneys work out bond details before he is sent to Texas to face charges.

The handcuffed Hurd declined to comment on the charges. Asked before the hearing if he was still a member of the Bears, he said: "As far as I know."

He shook his head when asked if he had

talked to anyone on the team.

"Sam intends to fight these charges, and we intend to defend him fully," said high-profile defence lawyer David Kenner, who will represent Hurd.

"We have complete confidence in him."

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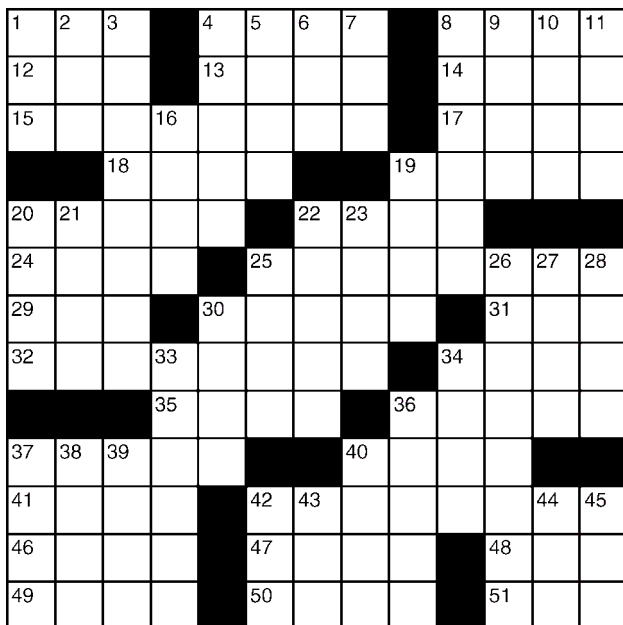
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Crossword

Across

1 Humongous
4 Unfriendly
8 Took to the skies
12 Commotion
13 Eye layer
14 Emanation
15 1849 California event
17 Commotion
18 Campus digs
19 Trusty mount
20 "Yippeel!"
22 Create
24 Equal
25 Shirk work
29 Mess up
30 Analogy mark
31 Have debts
32 Paris airport eponym
34 Winter transport
35 Guitars' smaller kin
36 Director Almodóvar
37 Put into words
40 Complaint
41 Stead
42 Source of wealth
46 Teensy bit
47 Vicinity
48 Junior
49 Former European capital
50 Sailing vessel
51 Day divs.
Down
1 Satchel
2 Bachelor's final utterance
3 Cohort of Behar and Hasselbeck
4 Pungent dish in In-



dian cuisine
5 Egg
6 "— Miserables"
7 Doo follower
8 Zip up, maybe
9 Troubadour's instrument
10 Great Lake
11 Actress Sela
16 Entryway
19 Epidermis
20 Newspaper page
21 Present
22 Shopping centers
23 Lotion additive
25 Beauty spot

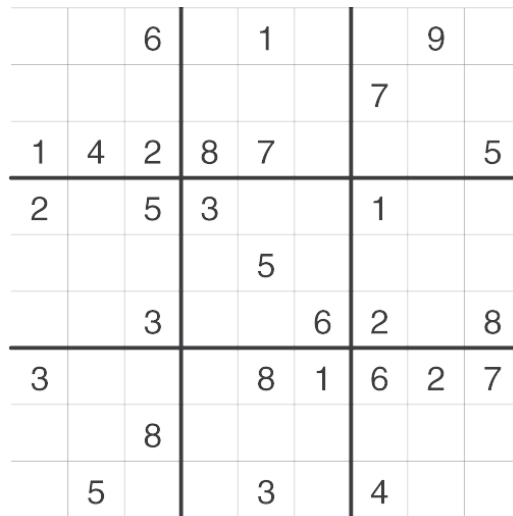
26 Pepperidge Farms favorites
27 Basin accessory
28 Start over
30 Potential pickle, for short
33 Fall
34 Appear
36 Go by bicycle
37 Thick slice
38 One of The Jackson 5
39 A billion years (Var.)
40 Huffed and puffed
42 Festive

43 Man-mouse link
44 Neither mate
45 Type measures

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

3	2	5	9	6	4	7	8	1
8	1	9	2	7	3	4	6	5
4	7	6	8	5	1	9	2	3
7	9	3	6	1	8	5	4	2
2	8	4	3	9	5	1	7	6
6	5	1	4	2	7	8	3	9
1	6	2	7	8	9	3	5	4
5	4	7	1	3	6	2	9	8
9	3	8	5	4	2	6	1	7

Yesterday's answer ▶

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7°/4° Cloudy	7°/3° Rain 80%	

Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 It's a good day for working your way through a pile of work, but it is not a good day for taking risks.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 Someone will come to you for advice today. Make sure he or she knows you can only help so much.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Someone you trust will let you down today but it could turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 A great weight is about to be lifted from your shoulders and once it has, you'll feel lighter than air.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Career issues and money matters could be a bit tense over the next 24 hours.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 All experience is good experience and a bad experience will teach you some important life lessons.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you throw yourself at the first challenge that comes along today, you'll be short of energy for a bigger challenge that is coming up.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You have talent to reach the top, but whether you have motivation will become clear in the next few days.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The Sun remains in your sign until the 22nd. Between now and then, you must go all out to better yourself in every possible way.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If you believe you have been hard done by, suffer in silence, for now.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Loved ones and work colleagues will make demands today. Don't do so much that you exhaust yourself.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. Like it or not, today you'll have to deal with someone for whom you have a distaste. ● SALLY BROMPTON



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